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## Frisbee fun: Course gives campus fun way to work out

By STEPHANIE STANGL  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A new activity has been added to the vast list of intramural sports offered at Northwest.

A disc golf course, located across from the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, opened for student use last week.

According to Recreational Sports Director Robert Lade, he and Terry Robertson, chair of the health, physical education, recreation and dance department, came up with the initial idea of creating the course.

"He and I thought it was something unique that could be incorporated into our campus," Lade said. "We went to Environmental Services to see if it was feasible. They were excited, like us, to

add to the students' opportunities to have more positive recreational activities."

The course was installed by the Environmental Services Grounds Crew, consisting of Bob Ebrecht and Danny Smith, and was supervised by Lezlee Johnson. The total cost for the materials to construct the course was right around \$9,000.

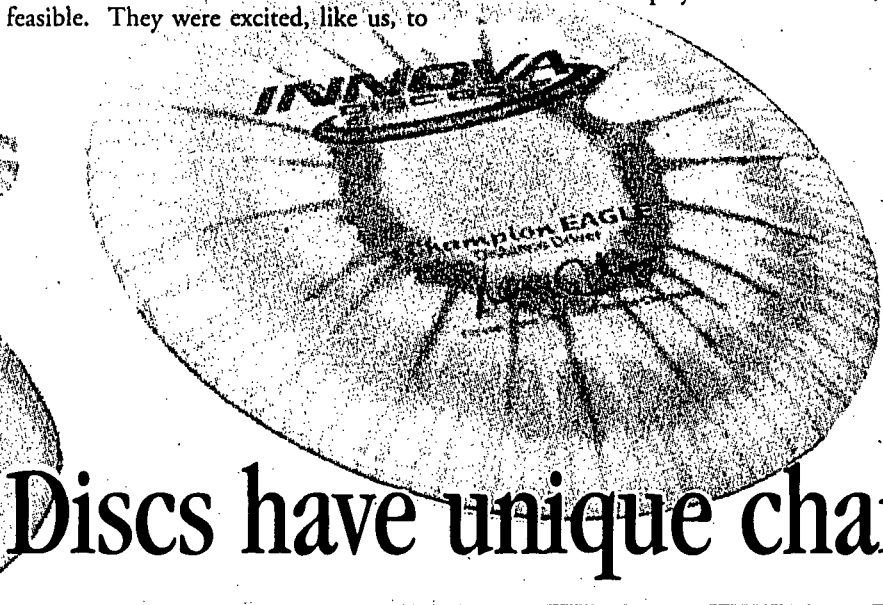
Furthermore, Lade said more than 200 students came to the grand opening of the course. Some classes have already put the course to use and more are planning to. One fraternity will also use the course on Sept. 8 as part of rush activities.

Disc golf is much like the traditional game of golf except you are using a disc instead of a ball. There are eighteen "holes" or baskets and there is a par for each hole. After a player throws the disc,

they go to where it landed and continue to toss the disc until they hit the basket. Low score wins.

"Frisbee golf is a great game because people of all ages can play. It's even fun if you're not very athletic," Ashley Nelson, a five-year veteran, said. She went on to comment that it can be extremely competitive, but it is also something that can be enjoyed alone.

Mr. Lade wants students to be aware that solar kits are on the baskets, and there are lights on top of the holes, so players are able to entertain themselves with disc golf even at night. Additionally, players may check out glow in the dark discs from the Recreation Center and special discs, for different types of throws, are available for a deposit of \$20.



## Discs have unique characteristics

By BILL KNUST  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For a \$20 deposit, students can use discs provided by the Recreation Center to play a round of disc golf.

But what if all the discs are gone or the Recreation Center is closed? The next option is to purchase discs themselves, but currently there is not a disc golf retailer within 75 miles of Maryville, leaving the prospective student a two-hour drive to Omaha, Neb., or to Kansas City to get some.

Stuart Carmichael, department manager of sporting goods at Wal-Mart, and

Pat Turner, store owner of the Sports Shop, both had no knowledge of the new disc golf course and currently have no discs in stock.

However, both were receptive to the idea of acquiring the discs for students to purchase.

"Right now, at this time, I am not very familiar with the game," Carmichael said. "I am going to have to see if I can get some (discs). I have to go through the chain of command to purchase them, so I am not going to say we are definitely going to get some; but I will look into it."

If students are not willing to make the drive, they can order the discs from

www.innovadiscs.com and wait for the disc(s) to come in the mail.

At the Web Site, prospective buyers can look through over 20 different models of discs, each with specific features.

Beginners may want to start out with a good multi-purpose disc, said Sam Ferrans, purchasing director and national manager for Inno Disc Golf.

"The AVR Putt and Approach is the most popular golf disc available," Ferrans said. "It is easy to grip for beginners and they can also use it to drive, putt for short range shots or to putt."

Like regular golf, disc golf includes discs that serve as drivers, fairway woods



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## Parking warnings act as welcome wagon

By RILEY HUSKEY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Did you receive a parking warning already, too?

That's no big surprise. Twenty-five percent of the drivers at Northwest received a warning during the first week of classes, bringing the total to just over 600.

"There have been more (warnings) this week than ever before," said Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety. "Students need to realize that this year we're going to be a lot more proactive and encourage everyone not to violate parking

regulations."

Campus Safety will be running ads in the newspaper this year entitled "Parking 101." Green encourages all to take those parking tips seriously and to follow parking guidelines. "Not only will it make our jobs easier, but we can work on keeping you safe and not writing parking tickets."

Some returning Bearcats may have noticed the parking changes made over the summer.

"I believe the parking at Northwest is greatly improving," Green said. "We've added, diversified and integrated a lot more parking lots this year, and we're



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Cars line the parking lots outside Hudson and Perrin residence halls. While residence hall parking has not been a problem this year, commuters have complained about a lack of parking spaces.

always looking for new ways to improve."

Last year, Northwest offered 3,552 parking spots, and the ratio between parking spots and drivers was more than

adequate. For faculty and resident parking, it was one driver to one spot, and commuter was 1.2 drivers to each available spot.

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## Administration, representatives have new hope after merger meeting

By KARA SWINK  
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After plans were postponed last year, negotiations are again underway to merge Northwest with the University of Missouri system.

UM system President Elson Floyd joined Northwest President Dean Hubbard August 28 at the Maryville Community Center to discuss the future of Northwest with media outlets and community members.

During the press conference, Floyd said that if the universities converge that changes will happen gradually, and abrupt alterations to admission standards would be minimal.

"The day went well," said Tom Vansaghi, vice president for University Relations. "It was great having President Floyd on campus to visit and to have a chance to explain the new merger ideas, its benefits and timeline."

After three and a half years of merger talks, Hubbard and Floyd presented the

information to students and faculty in April. Hubbard and Floyd put the idea on standstill while waiting for the 2004 fiscal budget.

Since merger talks began, concerns surfaced regarding skyrocketing tuition rates and classroom settings.

Floyd said the University would need a transition period and that the merge would not result in significant tuition increases.

Ray Courter, vice president of Finance said students should relax because "It's

the) only thing any of us can do."

"With my understanding, we are still in the development stage and I don't know where it's all going to land," Courter said. "Their intent is to let tuition change slowly, but I don't know what to anticipate."

As for students concerned with instructors spending less time in the classroom and more on research, Provost Taylor Barnes said the University's culture of education will remain intact.

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## Nu Gamma chapter reborn at Northwest

By BURNEA COYTHINE  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

On March 22, eight women from Northwest Missouri State University signed a charter to reactivate the Nu Gamma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. that had been inactive on campus since 1979.

Delta Sigma Theta is a predominately black sorority founded in 1913, making it one of the oldest black sororities in the world.

According to Astra Haney, vice president of the Nu Gamma Chapter, some Greeks were surprised to see another sorority on campus.

"Other Greeks, as well as non-Greeks, think Delta Sigma Theta is something we made up while we were chilling or something," Haney said. "Others don't think very highly of us, but it's up to us to show them that our sisterhood is closer, our academics are important, and, most of all, our passion for serving our University and community is bigger."

Delta Sigma Theta has a history of events, public service and friendship with one another.

"Delta Sigma Theta is a sorority dedicated to sisterhood, scholarship and service," charter member Faheema Collins said. "While the alternative sororities have a philanthropy to fulfill and is deemed as social Greeks, serving our community as well as our University is one of our main thrusts."

Unlike other Greek organizations on campus, Delta Sigma Theta is classified as a private service organization.

Being at a predominately white university will create some challenges.

"It is going to be very challenging because it's an all-white campus, and demographics play a big role in keeping enough members to keep our chapter active," Collins said. "I think, ultimately, we will be fine."

The new sorority hopes to accomplish a lot this school year with their many events, community service activities and informational forums, as well as help the University with low retention rates.

"I think we will break a lot of racial and social barriers, changing stereotypes while having fun, adding diversity as well as increasing retention among the black female population at Northwest Missouri State University," Haney said.

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If you cannot make the trip to Brookings, S.D., be sure to check out Missouriianonline.com for the results of Saturday night's game.

### Coming soon:

The redesigned Buzz will be unveiled within the coming week. Be sure to check Missouriianonline.com and see the new site as soon as it goes live.

### Last week's poll:

How do you think the Bearcat football team will do this year?  
45.7% They'll win the MIAA  
32.6% They'll win it all  
12% They'll finish 500  
9.8% They'll finish second in the MIAA

### Online poll:

What do you think about the current parking situation?  
a. Quit complaining and ride a bike or walk—like me.  
b. People need to quit parking illegally.  
c. I have no problems finding a spot.  
d. I park illegally, who cares?



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS  
The Krasnoyarsk National Dance Company will have their first performance in Maryville on Sept. 29 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The group was introduced to Northwest by Columbia Artist Management Incorporation.

## Russian dance group to perform

Siberian performers to choreograph history, culture

By JANEA PHILIP  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Krasnoyarsk National Dance Company of Siberia will perform a distinctive Russian folk dance in Maryville for the first time in history.

The company has performed in over 60 countries and is known for their captivating synchronized dancing.

The structures of the dances are performed one after another in a continuous stream of artistic expressions.

"It is strongly ethnic and true to Russian dance," said Bryan VanOsdale, director of Campus

Activities and Greek Life.

VanOsdale was introduced to the dance company by the Columbia Artist Management Incorporation also known as CAMI.

"They never put out a poor quality program," said VanOsdale. The CAMI agency is responsible for all of the Encore performances this year.

Krasnoyarsk National Dance Company of Siberia is the first of the year for the Encore Performance Series.

When reviewing different programs VanOsdale said he looks for three things: "classical, multicultural and dance."

The Krasnoyarsk National Dance Company of Siberia includes all three.

The musical movements are carefully choreographed to

celebrate the achievements of the Siberian people.

They combine smooth, subtle movements with jumps and pirouettes creating a program filled with originality.

"This will be a phenomenal program," said VanOsdale.

The Krasnoyarsk Dance Company of Siberia will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 29 at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are available online or at the Student Services Center in the Administration building.

## Housing on pace to finish by end of spring trimester

By GINNY FRANCIS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Tundra and Centennial Drive, construction sites for several new residential buildings, are nearing their final phases of transformation.

The 200-room apartment buildings and 360-bed suites are estimated to be completed by the end of spring 2004.

Mark Hetzler, director of Residential Life, believes the construction is progressing smoothly.

"Everything is coming along great," Hetzler said. "It's always exciting to see something when you've worked on it for several years in forms of a blueprint, and suddenly, you see it vertical from the ground."

Professional staff members toured the new buildings to supply feedback on the progress and Hetzler says the comments were positive.

By the end of September, the apartments plan to have a mock room, complete to determine the

furnishings' aesthetic appeal. If it receives high marks, the furnishings will adorn the rest of the building.

"We wanted the ability to say, 'Oh, that's not quite right, let's not do this everywhere else.'"

The Conference Center will also start its transformation to what Hetzler describes as a small community center or "mini-union" complete with an even larger convenience store than the Cyber Cellar, a coffee shop and meeting spaces.

Construction workers plan to block off space to begin construction remodeling by the end of this week.

Hetzler doesn't anticipate any large problems with the Conference Center's construction.

"The nicest part is that I think the hardest work is done in terms of running into problems," he said. "These projects have been much smoother than expected."



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR  
Construction continues on the suites and apartment buildings across from Franken Hall. By the end of September, there will be a mock apartment to test the aesthetic appeal of the rooms. If it gets good reviews, Northwest will adopt the look for the rooms.

### University Events

Thurs. 4 ■ Fraternity Recruitment open house  
■ Sorority Tea, 5 p.m., Mary Linn PAC

Fri. 5 ■ Horace Mann All-School Picnic, 6 p.m., Beal Park

Sat. 6 ■ RHA Best Northwest Room contest

Sun. 7 ■ Grandparent's Day

■ Cross country

■ Dawane Hughes Sculpture exhibit opens, Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building

Tues. 9 ■ Sorority Bid Day

Wed. 10 ■ Tower yearbook photos (groups) 7-9 p.m.

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### Example Front Cover



### Example Sports Cover







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Movie Magic's 1300-square foot expansion now provides more room for displays, a sales counter and a customer bathroom. The extra space will house body jewelry, hackey sacks, posters, t-shirts, paintball equipment, movie rentals and more.

## Video store expands building, selection

**Movie Magic undergoes transformation to provide customers with more**

By JANELLE DAVID  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Movie Magic customers will find a more spacious setting this fall at their local video store.

To celebrate the store's 19th anniversary, Movie Magic underwent renovation in April.

After relocating the store in 1991 to its current residence of 107 E. Fourth Street, owners Lewis and Kathy Rice felt it was simply time for a change of scenery.

A 1300-square foot expansion to the northwest corner increased the store's size nearly 25 percent.

The space formerly used for storage will allow more room for the sales counter, displays and a customer bathroom.

Sections of the store were repeatedly moved in order to lay down new carpet, repaint the walls and widen aisles.

After installing a new back door, the store met code regulations and was ready for the public.

The store distributes many popular items not commonly sold in Maryville.

Unedited CDs, body jewelry, hackey sacks, posters, incense and burners, candles, t-shirts and paintball equipment will have extra display space due to

the expansion.

Magic the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh, Lord of the Rings, Dragon BallZ and Pokémon trading cards are available as well as a large collection of Japanimation, popularly called Animé, comic books.

The owners also intend to use a partial amount of the new section to form a gaming area for local trading card players.

"Basically we're going to see how much interest we have in it by getting the word around," Kathy Rice said.

"The games depend upon the interaction and trading of cards among different players because that's what makes it fun to do."

Many community members have expressed interest in finding other players.

"When you've invested so much money into something like this, you want to continue to play," said Curtis Nower, a Northwest student formally involved with trading card games. "However, when you move to college, it's generally hard to find someone to play against because you're separated from your high school friends."

Movie Magic also provides

payday loans, utility payments, Sundance Photo film developing and special orders for music and videos.

The extension will offer more space for other opportunities.

For instance, the owners are currently exploring the possibilities of merchandising quality women's jewelry and becoming a cell phone service provider through Sprint PCS.

These benefits distinguish Movie Magic as an independent, multi-functional retailer.

"Chain stores tend to be cookie cutter stores. If you enter one in Maryville, it's going to be the same as anywhere else," Kathy Rice said of nationwide franchises in contrast to Movie Magic.

"We listen to our customers and try to adapt to their wants and needs."

Rice strives to make Movie Magic a pleasant experience for everyone.

"We hope people have a good time while they're here," she said. "We try to provide a helpful, friendly and casual atmosphere that customers will enjoy to keep them coming back."

## Local Lion leads the pack

By SARAH SWEDBERG  
CHIEF REPORTER

The world's largest service organization elected a former Northwest graduate to serve a two-year term as an international director.

W.R. O'Riley is Maryville's first Lions Club member to be elected to serve on the international board. He will serve on two committees as one of the 33 international directors. O'Riley will serve on the public relations committee as well as the Lions Clubs Foundation. O'Riley, the only American director appointed to the foundation, said he feels very fortunate to be a part of it.

Lions Clubs International elected O'Riley at the association's 86th International Convention in Denver on July 4. A delegation of Lions Club members from over 46,000 clubs in 192 countries chose O'Riley by popular vote.

"(We chose him because of) his experience, accomplishments and our confidence that he is going to represent Lions members on the board of directors at the international level," said Dane LaJoye, vision manager of public relations for Lions Club International.

O'Riley has served in numerous local, district, state and international positions and committees for the past 15 years. He has also received numerous Lions awards.

"It has been a very busy 15 years, but very gratifying and fun years," O'Riley said.

O'Riley said his main purpose as an international director will be to stay focused on going out to Lions districts in the United States and Canada as he gives

information and answers questions. He will also travel to four board meetings and an international convention taking him to places like New York, Michigan and Seoul, South Korea.

O'Riley plans to do most of his traveling for the Lions Clubs with his wife, as he said she plays a very important role. O'Riley said that while he talks to Lions Clubs' members, his wife talks to the ladies about being involved with the organization.

O'Riley became involved with the Maryville Host Lions Club in 1988. He said he joined the Lions Club because he wanted to continue serving the Maryville community that he served while he was a councilman and a mayor.

Since 1988, O'Riley has involved himself in an international organization that began as the dream of a Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. Jones believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large (information taken from the Lions Clubs International Web site). Lions Clubs are also committed to giving back to their communities as well as being committed to improving the lives of those less fortunate.

"It is neat to see different needs and how the different Lions Clubs handle those needs," O'Riley said.



O'Riley

### Community events

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| Thurs. 4 | ■ PTO Parent's Meeting Open House. St. Gregory's. 6:30 p.m.  |
| Fri. 5   | ■ Relay for Life Benefit Dinner. St. Gregory's. 5-8 p.m.<br>■ Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo<br>■ Skidmore Freedom Fest 2003   |
| Sat. 6   | ■ Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo<br>■ Skidmore Freedom Fest 2003   |
| Sun. 7   | ■ Car Show: Beal Park<br>■ Skidmore Freedom Fest 2003<br>■ Grandparent's Day   |
| Mon. 8   | ■ Girl Scout Registration. St. Gregory's. 3:30-7 p.m.  |
| Tues. 9  | ■ TOPS Meeting. First Christian Church. 5:30 p.m.  |
| Wed. 10  | ■ School Picture Day, Eugene Field Elementary School<br>■ Early Dismissal, Eugene Field Elementary<br>■ Nodaway County University Outreach, Extension Council Meeting, Extension Center. 7:30 p.m. |

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## Fitness buffs discover new workout haven

By LIZZI SEXTON  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The official opening of the Maryville Community Center on May 5 marked a new opportunity for students to "get fit and have fun" with the community in yoga and other new amenities.

After three years of planning, the Missouri National Guard and Maryville Parks and Recreation joined forces to create the building, which doubles as a community center and an armory. This unique partnership is a new recruitment concept for the National Guard, providing the benefits of federal funding to communities willing to share space.

"Without the National Guard's participation, there would be no facility," said Rod Auxier, director of Maryville Parks and Recreation. "For years, the community displayed the need for a recreation center, but the funding was never avail-

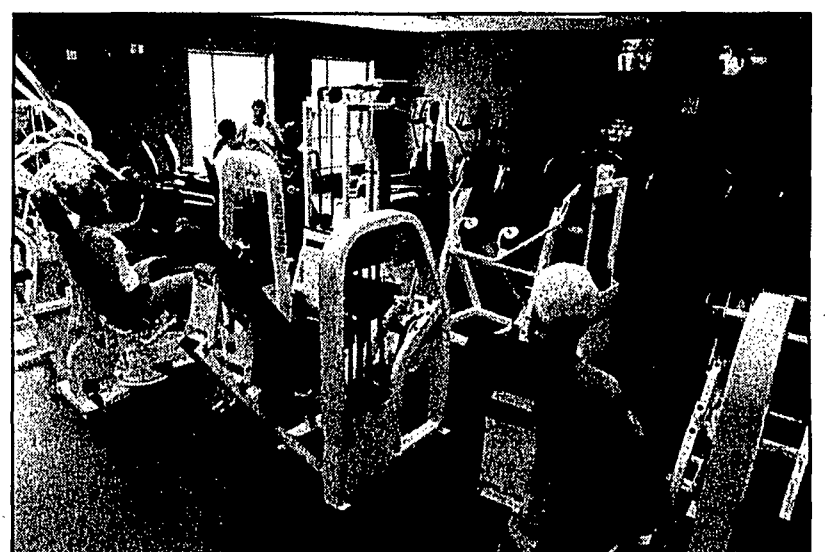


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The Nautilus/cardiovascular room is just one of many available at the newly opened community center. "I like it a lot because it has this (room) and it offers aerobics and other facilities," said Shelby Bartels, community center member.

able."

Benefits of the complex include an open gymnasium that holds three basketball and volleyball courts and a suspended track. An aerobics room complements the weight and cardio room, and September's schedule includes various levels of aerobics, yoga and Pilates.

Upcoming classes on tai chi and kickboxing will enhance the mental and physical conditioning the center offers its members.

Wes Florea, a physical education major and staff member noted the

popularity and acceptance of the new services. According to Florea, in the past two weeks, the staff has witnessed a daily increase of 30 people in new membership purchases.

Passes can be purchased for a monthly fee of \$25 or an annual membership plan; both include child watch. A personal trainer can be accessed for an additional fee. The center also provides room and kitchen rentals for special events like wedding receptions, classes, meetings or reunions.

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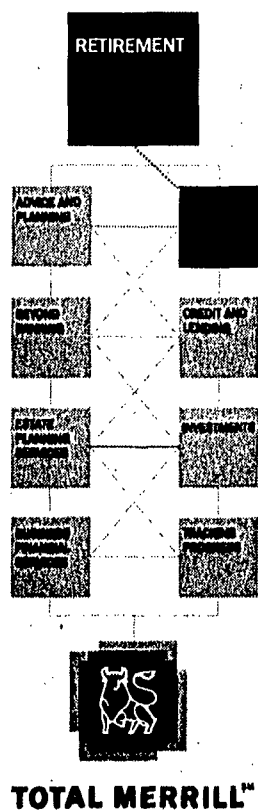
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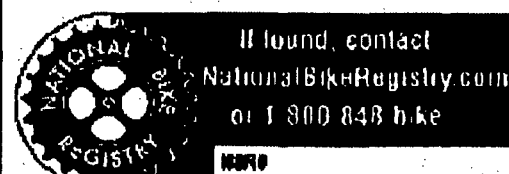
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## Our View

### Walk it off

*Despite Northwest's current perceived parking crisis, students themselves are the only solution for insane commuting*

The hot button topic on campus right now is not the grasshopper takeover, the renovations to Rickenbrode Stadium nor the cramped quarters in the Cellar/J.W. Jones Student Union.

It is the perceived notion of a lack of parking spaces. Even the Stroller devoted a column to the topic this week. While many students are working their panties into a bunch, we at *The Missourian* encourage them to calm down, pull out their wedgies and look at the facts.

Campus Safety Director Clarence Green said that last year, the ratio of parking spaces for faculty and students living in the residence halls was 1-to-1. The ratio for commuter students was 1.2-to-1.

That sounds like more than a fair enough ratio to us, but to hear the students speak, you would think that mysterious cars were showing up and stealing their spots.

Yet, Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. in the parking lot behind Valk Hall, there were plenty of spaces along the back row of the north side of the lot. Also available were spots in the gravel lot behind the paved lot and the gravel lot behind the Campus Safety office. That same day at 2 p.m. the lot was half full.

So spaces are available.

Another problem that commuters who pay for the parking sticker run into is commuters who park without a sticker.

These students are taking spots from people who purchased a sticker, and in the past, punishment of these people by campus safety was sporadic.

That problem will be taken care of this year, Green said.

"Students need to realize, that this year, we're going to be a lot more proactive and encourage everyone not to violate parking regulations," he said.

If Campus Safety holds true to their word, which we believe will be the case, there should be even more spots from which to choose.

Also in progress is the paving of a lot outside the west end of Rickenbrode Stadium, giving students even more options.

As for the parking situation, *The Missourian* is not saying you are going to find a spot right where you need it to be. You may have to—gasp—walk a little further. Or may we suggest another more health-conscious choice: riding a bike.

You will not have to purchase a parking sticker, and you can get in your daily exercise. Not only that, but it'll also save you from some very unneeded stress. Don't we have enough on our plates as it is?



## All-gay high school teaches few valuable lessons

Before I get too far into this diatribe, I feel it is necessary to clarify one very important fact: I harbor no ill-will whatsoever, in any fashion, toward the gay community. Furthermore, this commentary is not meant to act as or even be perceived as an attack on any particular group except for the people who created this program in the first place.

This month, New York will open the first ever all-gay, stand-alone public school. Harvey Milk High School is actually an extension of an existing, two-decades-old program that had acted as a social/academic support program for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students. However, following a \$3.2 million dollar renovation project approved by the old Board of Education, the school will now receive full funding as an official public school.

This program is a very, very bad idea on numerous levels. First of all, this is an affront to the cause of equality. Arcadia University education law professor Steven Goldberg has likened the funding of this school to funding of special education classes, gifted classes and even before-school prayer groups. First of all, to address the comparison to gifted and special-education programs, those are programs tailored to students for academic reasons. The students in those programs are in need of either a more challenging curriculum or have special educational needs. Gay students don't learn any differently than straight ones. There is no reason to believe that because a student happens to be gay, he or she can't learn on a level with everyone else. This is not the standard of "equality"

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that civil rights advocates have long sought. If equality were the goal, then the effort made here would be to make the environment the students are already in more conducive to all students receiving an outstanding education. That's been the goal of integration from the beginning. Why should special protection be afforded to these particular students? There are no schools for overweight kids or kids with glasses who are regularly harassed. There is no logical reason why this particular group should receive state funding for a "safe haven" than there is for such a school to exist for any other group.

Furthermore, not all of these students are even gay by nature. It's impossible enough to afford special protection to every student who has a natural difference which causes him or her to be alienated from his or her peers. But having to do so because of a conscious choice made by students whom Sarah Strauss, a researcher in the "needs" of gay students, labels as "questioning" is ludicrous. Any student who practices homosexuality by choice should expect a

mixed reaction from others and should be able to deal with the consequences of what he or she does. So, the solution should be this: punish the bullies and bigots who are doing the harassing so that everyone else can enjoy the same peaceful environment. Enforce the rules and laws instead of forcing students apart.

For students who do want to experience a more homogenized educational environment, that is why private schools are founded. The purpose of public schools is to provide an environment where everybody can learn and co-exist. At least, that was the goal once. Now the goal appears to be satisfying every last special interest group that comes looking for its own definition of "equality"—in other words, each student with some insignificant difference having nothing to do with how he or she learns deserves to be pampered by the public school system. Students have clashed in schools at least somewhat since they've become integrated. And up to now, more students than anyone can count have been able to overcome the taunting and alienation to learn, grow, graduate and go on to bigger and better things.

It can be done without excessive special programs and spending; it does not require a \$3.2 million school designed for students with a characteristic having nothing to do with education; but if this sort of nonsense continues, public education will degenerate into a system in which students are conditioned that running away from adversity is the only solution.

## YOUR VIEW

### How did you beat the heat?



"I drank a lot of water and stayed indoors whenever I didn't have anything to do. When I didn't have to be out, I didn't go out."

**Alfred Maina**  
Medical  
Technology



"The A/C. I would just go from building to building that had it. It was always 70 degrees."

**Theresa Janes**  
Social Science  
Education



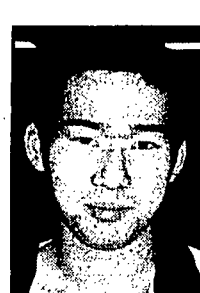
"I tried to stay inside, but the A/C wasn't really strong enough to keep me perfectly cool."

**Jonathan Cook**  
Maryville  
resident



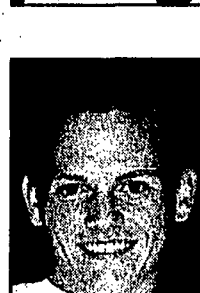
"We have an air unit in our house, so we turned that on, along with a bunch of fans."

**Hailey Compton**  
Special  
Education



"I stayed comfortable in the air conditioning."

**Naoto Nakano**  
International  
Relations



"We tried to stay in the A/C as much as possible. That, and we went swimming a lot."

**Dave Dugan**  
Pre-Medicine



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### Need to vent?

"So the criminal mastermind who practically shut the world down by creating the Blaster virus was a pimply, overweight teenager. And people wonder why I hate everything."

"Why some professors can't figure out to splurge a few bucks on some antiperspirant is totally beyond me. Gross."

### CORRECTION

■ In the Aug. 28 'Welcome to the 'Ville' section of *The Northwest Missourian*, Sigma Tau Gamma was recognized among Northwest fraternities. Sigma Tau Gamma is no longer an active fraternity at Northwest. *The Northwest Missourian* apologizes for the error.

## Mid-life crisis instigates editor's no-life revelation

I guess it all started with a fateful phone call. Having tended to the majority of my waking business in a reasonably groggy state, my memory often fails me. But I think it went something like this. Or maybe it didn't. Who's counting?

Phone: *Ring Ring*  
Abby: "Uhhhhnn...Hello?"

Mom: "Abby, it's Mom. Listen, can't talk long, but I just want to fill you in quick. I sold the house and put in my two weeks' notice. I'm going to college."

Abby: Here?

Mom laughs. Pounding heart eases its way back into my chest.

Mom: "God, no. Des Moines. Come home this weekend and gather what you don't want me to throw away. I'm leaving Sunday. Peace."

Peace?

Peace?

How long had I been away from home?

Damn, Mom. I've heard of mid-life crises

**My View**  
**ABBY SIMONS**  
MANAGING EDITOR



before, but couldn't you just lease a Firebird or date one of my friends? Peace?

Sigh...I suppose not. She'd rather be a stenographer, whatever that is.

Now that I think about it, Mom had always had told me she was going back to school. Then again, she'd also told me watermelon seeds would grow in my stomach, or that my eyeballs would melt if I watched "Married...With Children." Needless to say,

her credibility with me left something to be desired. But college? This was serious. This was hardcore. This was the new Mom. Peace?

That weekend, I trekked to my hometown, salvaging little more than a couple photo albums, my Kansas City Royals giant foam pointy-finger and the dog. Meanwhile, I watched in horror as Mom returned from the mall carting a futon, blacklight bedspread and a giant disco ball for the living room of her new apartment. I didn't understand with what horrible disease she had been stricken, but something was sickeningly amiss.

Then it hit me like a stack of bills. This was the greatest opportunity of my life. Suddenly, my mom, a woman who had cleaned my face with her spit for the past 21 years, suddenly, inexplicably, rocked. She was willing to forgo Boggle for Circle of Death and salad tongs for beer bong.

But with revelation came worry. Was I now cool enough for my mom? I'd always

taken comfort in the fact that she was at least one person—if the only one, I could defeat on the "hip-o-meter." But alas, this was obviously no more. I mean, Peace?

I've now decided that this is my motivation, my calling, if you will. As opposed to limiting my excitement to the confines of "Wolf Blitzer Reports" or the new pantsuit at J.C. Penney, I will now live the life of a true college student. I vow to ingest shot after shot of this odd Mexican liquor with dead vermin soaking at the bottom. I solemnly swear to forgo using proper English, instead using the lingo picked up from that M&M guy's new tape. I promise a new life of 'off the chain'-ness. Straight up.

And as for Mom—this middle-aged woman to which I owe everything, definitely not excluding my new self-improvement—well, it's all for her.

We be clubbin' soon, Moms. Peace.

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# Law and religion best found apart

By JOANNA OSTER  
DAILY TROJAN (U. SOUTHERN CAL.)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Last Wednesday, the Ten Commandments monument in the Alabama State Judicial Building was finally removed under a federal court ruling.

The monument, originally placed in the building's rotunda by the order of Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, was relocated because its presence in a government building violated the First Amendment's separation of church and state.

The ultimate removal of the monument was long overdue, as Chief Justice Moore had always ignored the basic rules of the U.S. government — laws which he claimed stemmed from the Ten Commandments themselves.

A large part of the problem in deciding whether to remove the monument from the rotunda or leave it inside involved choosing which part of the First Amendment to enact. Two specific parts of the amendment applied to the monument dilemma, making the case for removal rather contradictory: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech."

The right to freedom of speech, which would defend Chief Justice Moore's choice to place the monument in the judicial building, was ultimately overruled by the clear disconnection between government and religion, a distinction in the Constitution which Chief

Justice Moore should have originally heeded.

Rabbi Susan Laemmle and Rev. Elizabeth Davenport, USC's dean and associate dean of Religious Life, respectively, agreed that the ruling to move the monument out of public view was the correct course of action.

"It's an issue of religious pluralism," Laemmle said. "That building administers justice to people of different religious traditions."

Laemmle also said that in his position as a prominent political figure, Chief Justice Moore does not carry his freedom of speech into his public office. In fact, it could be seen as though erecting the religious monument was from the beginning a violation of trust.

"There's a social contract there," continued Laemmle. "It's not his private domain."

Moore, in his decision to erect the monument, was treating the judicial building in Montgomery as exactly that — a private domain that he was free to "decorate" in whatever fashion he was inclined to choose — in this case, one that would very clearly single out a religion and advertise it in a very public place. He abused his political position by using it as a way to promote his personal belief in the strong tie between religion and American law, which is unacceptable.

Rev. Davenport felt that the placement of the monument was a clear attempt by Chief Justice Moore to claim that the Ten Commandments served as

near-flawless groundwork for American law.

"The Ten Commandments are a wonderful religious document, but they don't say it all," Davenport said. "There are things religion hasn't kept us from doing."

Putting the church and state conflict aside, it is obvious that the Ten Commandments do not suffice, as Chief Justice Moore has implied, but instead are in a sense old-fashioned with regards to current times.

The monument's existence brought up another key issue involving religious doctrines in the law. Because the United States is traditionally thought of as a "melting pot" of different peoples and cultures, the laws to which American citizens must adhere should be appropriately structured — and this structure should not have a specific religious influence.

That being said, although Judeo-Christian ethics may in fact have been referenced by the founding fathers while laying down the groundwork for American law, the United States has since grown into a country requiring no such religious background. The modern diversity of our country does not grow from a single religion.

It is clear that while living in this country, one thing is true when it comes to religious beliefs: all traditions will generally abide by the same moral principles, which are almost guaranteed to overlap with existing laws. As Davenport said, "There's no religion that says killing is OK."



## Stardom doesn't equal political wisdom

By JARED VAUGHN  
DAILY O'COLLEGIAN (OKLA. STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. — Adolph Hitler had Joseph Goebbels to sway the opinion of the masses. Israel has the American media. The U.S. government has no need of a propaganda minister—they have country music.

If anyone listens to today's country music long enough, they might be led to believe that we live in a country that never makes mistakes.

One whose every action is guided by the Hand of God.

Toby Keith would have us blow up every nation whose people held thoughts or beliefs contrary to the "American way."

We should then all go to the bar and liquor up our troops and horses, but only after we put a boot up someone's arse.

How politically and intellectually gifted a man to sing such a song!

I'm sure that Toby's years of study and research has led him to his findings and beliefs on such topics.

Darryl Worley asks if we've forgotten bin Laden.

Worley's pro-war anthem attempts to remind us about 9-11

(which is not wholly bad) and alludes to a connection between the al Qaeda attacks on our country and the potential for Iraq to attack us.

How did he come up with that? Perhaps he caught a CNN blurb about a possible connection between the two.

Maybe one of his good republican buddies (pro-Bush, pro-war, anti-reality) told Darryl, with some assuredness, that Iraq and the al Qaeda were connected and a preemptive strike should be enacted before they (Iraq) get a chance to bomb us (pause for beer belch).

Any semi-educated person who believes in doing research from sources other than CNN, Fox News (the biggest joke in "media") or their local paper might be led a little closer to the truth.

For example, one might only look at the statement bin Laden made about Hussein's religious practices.

Bin Laden said Hussein was a bad Muslim. That's about the equivalent of saying, "I hate Baptists!" here in Oklahoma.

What kind of reaction would a public figure garner from such a statement and how would the followers of said targeted person or group respond

to the person who had said such things?

Well, it is highly doubtful that any of them would be good buddies and plot another country's demise.

Granted, this is only one example though many others exist.

I'm not suggesting that freedom of speech be suspended.

I'm saying that if someone (especially celebrities) is going to say something potentially politically inflaming, they should at least be well-informed.

What makes celebrities think they understand politics of any kind?

Consider Sean Penn's faux-political ramblings.

He's generally too high to even know what day of the week it is. How can anyone take him seriously?

How about the Dixie Chicks? Where do they get off saying that they are embarrassed (though they really might be) that the president of our country is from Texas without showing some sort of backup?

They presented no reason to hold the convictions that they do.

Unless a band or any other celebrity has some form of political background, they should keep quiet lest they influence the equally stupid of our society.



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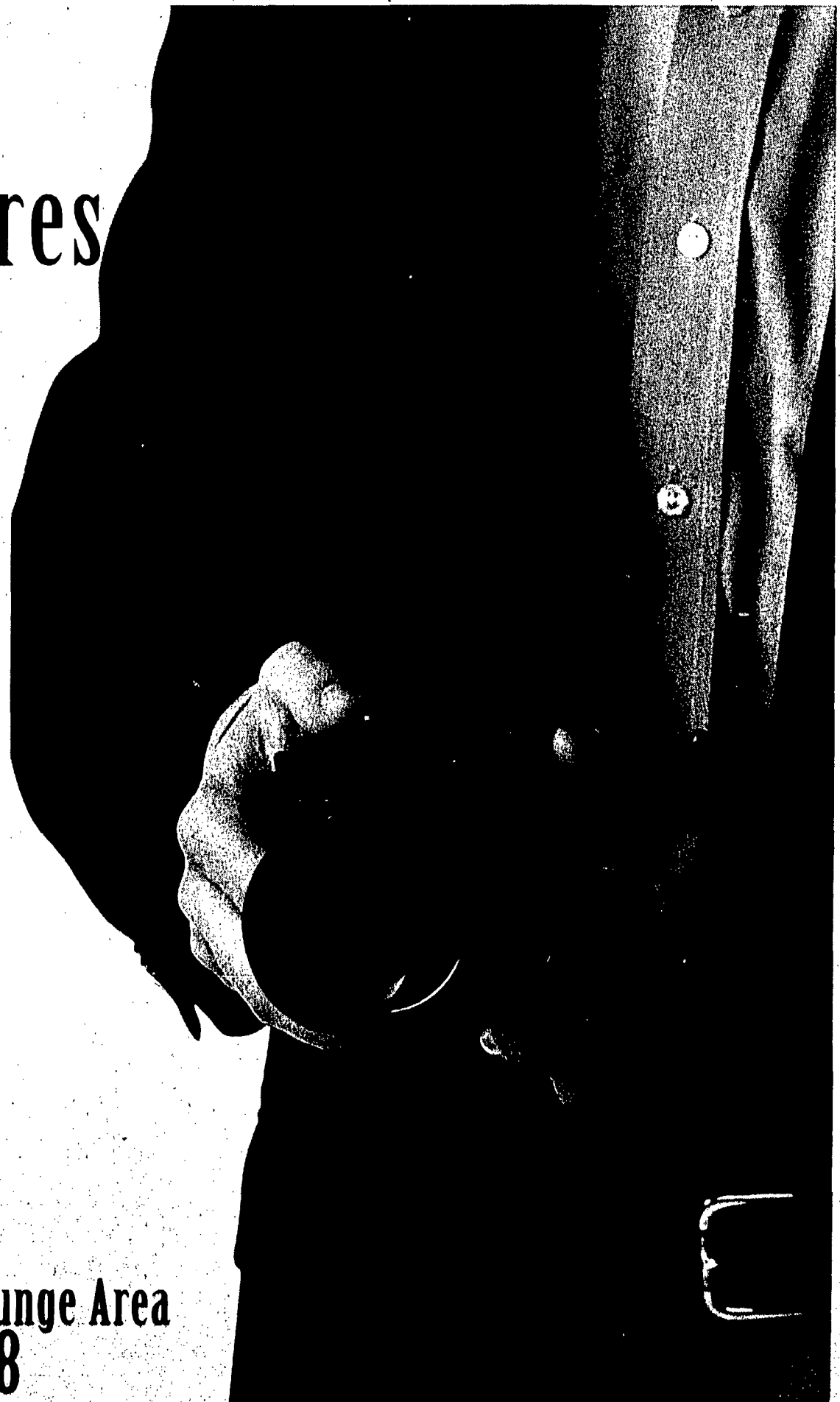
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# News in Brief

## University seeking interns for State legislature

Jefferson City Legislative Internship applications are now available for Northwest Missouri State University students who desire to get an inside look at the government.

Each year Northwest selects four students (preferably juniors or seniors) interested in spending the spring semester in Jefferson City interning for a state representative or state senator.

Northwest provides four \$3,000 stipends to offset living expenses in the capitol city, and interns can receive up to 12 hours of college credit.

"My internship in Jefferson City was incredible," former intern Ryan Summerford said. "I would count it among the best experiences in college as it helped me understand not only the political process but also shaped my career goals."

Interns handle many tasks including constituent services, policy research and writing, attending hearings and floor sessions and providing tours of the Missouri Capitol.

Applications can be picked up and returned to David McLaughlin, associate professor of political science, in 205 Thompson-Ringold or Tom Vansaghi, vice president for University Relations, in Room 223 of the Administration Building.

Applications are due by Monday, Oct. 6. Successful candidates will be interviewed Monday, Oct. 20, with selection, notification and placement completed the following week.

For more information, contact Vansaghi at 562-1531.

## Alpha Sigma Alpha crowned nation's best

Northwest Missouri State University's chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority recently received the Crown of Excellence award given to the most outstanding collegiate chapter in the nation.

National honors are awarded to chapters that excel in the areas of membership development, scholastic achievement, philanthropy, finances, officer efficiency and member retention. The chapter receiving the highest percentage of completion of all requirements is selected for the outstanding chapter award.

"I think that our sisterhood allowed us to work together to fulfill the requirements," Chapter President Megan Prescott said. "Our chapter has not received this award since 1992. Throughout the years we have continued to make improvements that have allowed us to succeed."

Alpha's national president, Marianne Busch Bullock, will present the Crown of Excellence award to the chapter during its 75th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Sept. 20.

## Entries due for Northwest homecoming events

Let the good times roll when "Northwest Goes Mardi Gras" for Homecoming in October, and people interested in entering events should sign up now.

Entry forms must be submitted for Northwest Missouri State University's Variety Show, parade, banner and king and queen royalty competitions. Cost is \$25 per entry with a maximum of a \$100 total fee.

Forms, available in the Office of Campus Activities in the J.W. Jones Student Union, are due Sunday, Sept. 14, for on-campus organizations and Friday, Sept. 26, for those off campus.

## Girl Scout registration to take place in Maryville

Girl Scout registration night will take place in Maryville from 3:30-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at St. Gregory's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 315 S. Davis Street.

Registration is \$10. Financial assistance is available based on need.

Girl Scouts is open to girls rang-

ing in age from kindergarten through high school. For more information, contact Juledene Coverdell at 582-2994.

## Children's Center offers crisis line for families

The Children and Family Center, a nonprofit agency located in Maryville, sponsors a toll-free, 24-hour crisis line for individuals experiencing and at risk for family violence and sexual assault.

Those in need of shelter may access help 24 hours a day by calling the hotline at 562-3544 or 1-866-382-7867. All services are free and confidential.

The center's staff and advocates provide support and assistance to individuals experiencing violent and/or abusive relationships. Specialized counseling is available for people of all ages affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse and trauma. The center also sponsors the WINGS (Women In Need Gaining Support) support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, abuse or sexual assault, and/or childhood sexual abuse. Presentations and trainings are also available from the professional staff on a wide range of topics, including healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, domestic violence and child abuse.

Volunteers play a vital role in providing 24-hour services for the clients of the Center. The Center will be holding a training session on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The training is free but preregistration is required. Please contact Shelly Guhde for more information about how to become a volunteer at 562-2411 or [cfcnwm2@asde.net](mailto:cfcnwm2@asde.net).

## Public invited to join in community worship

Celebrate the Church 2003 will take place Saturday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Beal Park in Maryville. This is an interdenominational community celebration where all churches in Maryville are

invited to come together and lift up the name of Jesus Christ in unity.

There will be praise and worship, music, children's activities and prizes to be given away. Lunch will be offered on the grounds for a small cost. Don't forget to bring your family, a friend and your lawn chair.

## Maryville Hy-Vee to host Relay for Life fund-raiser

The Hy-Vee Jolly Ranchers Relay for Life team invite the public to attend a Relay For Life fund-raiser buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, in the St. Gregory's gymnasium.

The buffet, sponsored by Hy-Vee, includes a variety of food items at a cost of \$8.99 for adults, \$6.99 for seniors and \$4.99 for children.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Relay For Life cancer walk. Reservations are preferred but not mandatory. Please call Hy-Vee at 562-2191 to make reservations.

## First Christian Church seeks piano accompanist

First Christian Church is seeking an accompanist for children's choirs. He or she must play piano and read music and is needed Sunday and Monday afternoons and some Sunday mornings. Those interested should inquire at First Christian Church or by calling 582-4101.

## Registration to begin for Fall Volleyball program

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for the fall volleyball program. Registration will be conducted Sept. 2 through Sept. 12 at the Parks and Recreation office.

The team fee and a minimum of four player's fees with signed contracts are required at that time.

Call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562-2923 with questions concerning registration.

## Rodeo fans encouraged to don western garb

The organizers of the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo are encouraging people to show support for the rodeo Sept. 5 by wearing their favorite western attire. The Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo is Sept. 6 and 7.

The organizers are encouraging businesses to have their staffs wear western clothing and simply dress up the office western-style with the incentive of winning free lunch from the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce.

To participate in this contest, contact the Chamber by September 4 to enter. Judging will start at 10 a.m., Sept. 5.

## Encore Performances to host Siberian dance company

To kick off the 2003-04 Encore Performance Series at Northwest Missouri State University, the Krasnoyarsky National Dance Company of Siberia will perform at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 29, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center on the Northwest campus.

The show promises captivating and vivid character portrayals, musical movements and fanciful patterns of choreographic design. The successive dances are perceived as a single choreographic symphony with a continuous stream of folk dance elements. Dances guarantee to express the spiritual wealth of the Siberians, glorifying their feats and celebrating the nature of the land.

Individual performance tickets are now on sale, available to order by phone at 562-1212, online at [www.nwmssu.edu/tickets/](http://www.nwmssu.edu/tickets/) or in person at the Student Services Center on the first floor administration building, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Seats are assigned on a best-available basis. Season tickets are also available.

## University to hold surplus property sale

Northwest will be having a surplus property sale on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Northwest Mate-

rials Distribution Center, located at West 16th Street and College Park Drive.

Inspection times will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 29, with the auction beginning at 9 a.m. Sept. 30.

Lots to be sold include miscellaneous computer equipment, notebook computers, office equipment, desks, file cabinets, office chairs, library shelves, bed frames and headboards, a NEVCO outdoor scoreboard with controllers and more.

## Freedom fest to feature Civil War re-enactment

The 16th annual Freedom Fest 2003 gets underway Sept. 5-7 in Skidmore. This year's patriotic event celebrates "America's Freedom Heritage" in recognition of the enduring efforts of American men and women serving the world throughout the history of the United States. The annual three-day event will be held once again on the school grounds near the north end of Skidmore.

Through past years, Freedom Fest has honored servicemen and women from all conflicts, peacetime and across all branches of service.

Despite the size of Skidmore, which boasts a population of 342, the family-oriented patriotic event has continued to develop as organizers try to offer new attractions each year. This year's weekend event will once again feature many of the top patriotic speakers in the nation as well as include lots of free entertainment, food and craft vendors. The event continues to be a yearly tradition with participants traveling from as far away as Massachusetts and California and attending from as many as 22 states in years past.

Highlighting this year's event will be a large-scale Civil War living-history drill, featuring both Union and Confederate soldiers. Presenters include Crowley's 3rd Missouri Infantry, the DSA 21st Missouri Infantry and the 10th Missouri Infantry among others, including a possible Irish brigade. The live demonstrations are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday.

Also featured will be an authentic Civil War era baseball game, scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday.

# Parking 101

## 1. Q. Who needs a permit?

A. Everybody at all times---you, visitors, faculty and staff---even the University President.

## 2. Q. Where do I get this permit?

A. The Student Service Desk in the Administration Building or at Campus Safety, which is open 24/7.

## 3. Q. Where can I park?

A. Your permit is area specific---Resident, Commuter, or Faculty/Staff. There are parking maps at the Student Services Desk or at Campus Safety. The maps are color coded to match your permit. These maps show the locations where you may park. In addition, each lot has a sign at the entrance that says who is permitted to park there.

## 4. Q. What if I don't buy a permit?

A. Tickets are expensive. They range from \$20.00 to \$50.00, depending on the violation, and your vehicle can eventually be impounded.

## 5. Q. If I don't register, how will you know who I am and how will you bill me for my ticket?

A. We will check your vehicle through the Division of Motor Vehicles. The owner will be billed for the violation and the cost of the DMV check.

## 6. Q. Can I use handicap spots to quickly drop off or pickup something?

A. No, it will result in a \$50.00 fine and tow.

## 7. Q. Do I need to use flashers to load and unload?

A. Designated loading zones will have a sign that says, "flashers required." If there is no sign, then flashers are not required.

## 8. Q. I left my car with my permit on it at home and drove a different vehicle to school for a few days. What do I need to do?

A. You can get a free temporary pass at Student Services or at Campus Safety (open 24/7). You will get a ticket if you don't get a permit. If you come back late on Sunday night with a different vehicle, stop by Campus Safety for a permit.

## 9. Q. Can I use tape or clear plastic to affix my permit to my windshield?

A. No. The sticker permit must be completely attached to the windshield with its own adhesive in the lower right hand corner.

**If you have any additional questions, you should call Campus Safety at 562-1254 for advice.**

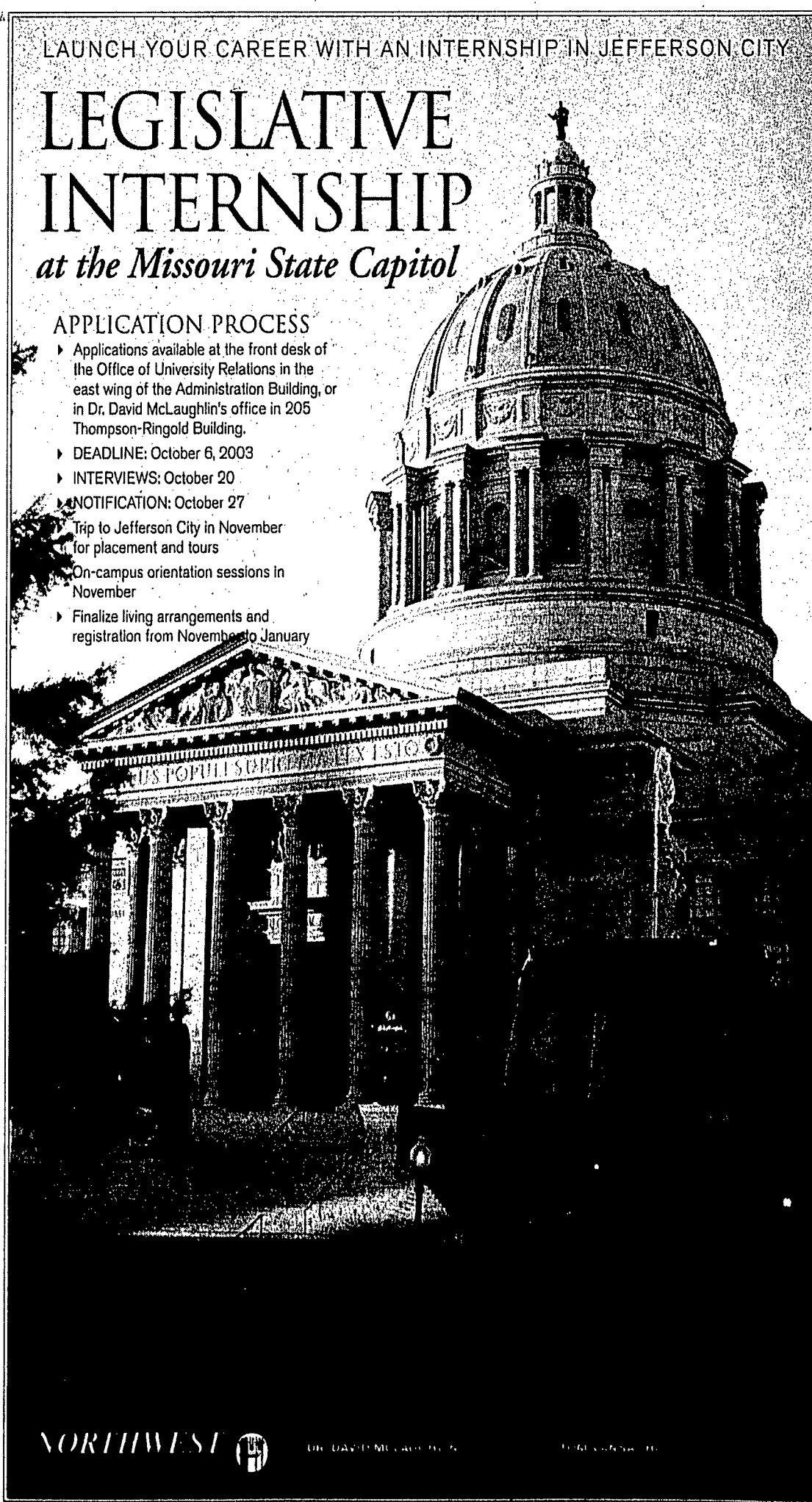
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## Enlightening Expressions

The simple act of holding hands  
increases awareness about the plight of  
gay couples

By BETSY LEE  
FEATURES EDITOR

When Phillip Holthus and his boyfriend hold hands, reactions range from double takes to taunts screamed from car windows.

For Ashley Cunningham and her girlfriend, a simple expression of affection instigates what she refers to as a "perverse interest."

Though responses may range from disgust to fascination, gay couples face challenges from the time they come out to when they find their life partner. Gay and lesbian individuals struggle to find their new identity, sometimes confronting hate and ignorance in the process. Prior to coming out, Adam Schneider tried to force himself to be straight.

"At first, I was not happy with it; I hated it," Schneider said. "But once I accepted it and came to terms with it, I was very happy."

Holthus also attempted to avoid his sexuality by hiding behind religion. The dichotomy between his religious beliefs and his sexuality caused intense mental trauma.

"I got so depressed that I became suicidal my sophomore year of high school, and then I got over that, the whole sui-

cidal part and then started slicing," Holthus said. "I sliced because I needed a physical wound on my body to go with the mental torment that was going on inside."

Holthus used knives and razors to cut his body while praying that God cure him of his sexuality. Holthus eventually came to terms with the fact that he was gay and worked to overcome his self-hatred. Eventually, he came out to friends and family.

"I mass e-mailed all my friends," Holthus said. "I was like, 'If I'm going to come out, I'm coming out all the way.'"

Cunningham also chose to come out to all of her friends at once. She waited, however, to tell her parents until she had a girlfriend.

Forming new relationships can be difficult for a gay person who has just come out. Figuring out how to identify gay people is a specific problem.

"It is very difficult for us to meet people because you can never quite tell," Schneider said. "You can kind of get good at it though. There are certain things you can use to tell, like eye contact and mannerisms."

Mannerisms are also a clue for Holthus who said he prides himself on his "gaydar." Even though Holthus feels he can usually tell if someone is gay, there are many exceptions to the rule. Headings carefully when approaching someone is a must.

"People can get all mad, and that can be heartbreaking," Cunningham said. "But I've stopped apologizing for my actions. Straight people don't apologize if they hit on you. Why should I?"

Cunningham no longer has to worry about meeting a girl friend; she's been involved with someone for two years. Though beginning a relationship ends some challenges, it incites others.

"The difficult part is figuring out who pays for who or who opens the door for who," Holthus said.

After getting involved, couples often struggle with taking their relationship to the next level. Holthus and his partner would like to marry but are unsure about the particulars. They don't know who is going to propose or if they are going to have all groomsmen, but they know they are going to completely avoid the ring debacle. Cunningham and her partner have also decided to make a lifetime commitment to each other.

"She has a ring and I don't, but that's purely for financial reasons," Cunningham said.

Though gays are not allowed to marry in most states, some have approved civil unions in lieu of marriage. Civil unions allow gay couples to have the same legal rights as married people.

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## Issues arise for ResLife and gays

By BETSY LEE  
FEATURES EDITOR

Assigning roommates is a task that Residential Life officials have faced for years. The challenge of placing gay residents, however, is relatively new.

Placement of gay residents is a twofold issue. An incoming student may have problems living with a gay roommate. Another problem relates to two gay residents living in the same residence hall room.

Assistant Director of Residential Life Matt Baker said that residents cannot legally be required to disclose their sexual orientation prior to moving into an on-campus facility. However, he believes the issue should be discussed.

"I think if a person is gay and they are attracted to their roommates, they need to communicate that," Baker said.

Andrew Arbogast said that he would like to know if his roommate were gay.

"I'd want to know so that I could move because I don't think I'd feel comfortable," Arbogast said.

To sidestep the situation, Arbogast suggested that Residential Life applications include a box that students could check if they wouldn't mind living with a gay or bisexual student.

Carol Cowles, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, believes living with a gay student can be a positive growth experience for any resident.

"It's an opportunity within a living and learning environment to get to know someone else's preferences," Cowles said.

Another issue is the question of gay couples living together on campus. Baker said a policy against gay couples living together would be impossible to enforce.

"Maybe this is the one place that they do get together," Baker said.

"They can be in a committed relationship and share health care or tax benefits, so maybe this is one thing in the world they do get."

Ashley Cunningham agreed that living together in the residence halls may be a perk for gay residents.

"I guess that is one of the downsides of being heterosexual," Cunningham said. "But there are really so few (cons)."

Cunningham also pointed out that just because two residents can have social interaction in a room it doesn't mean they're going to.

Cameron McCoy believes that straight couples should have the same rights on campus as gay couples.

"If two homosexuals care for each other and live together, then two heterosexuals should be allowed to live together," McCoy said.

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## Season kicks off under lights in Brookings

### Another run for playoffs begins against Jackrabbits

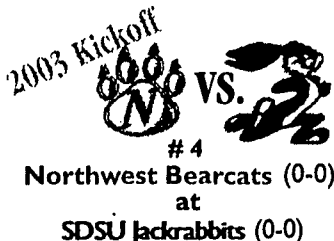
By COLE YOUNG  
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Dakota State University Jackrabbits have not lost a season opener since 1996. In that seven-year span, they have beaten Division II powerhouses such as Grand Valley State University and the

University of California-Davis. It only seems appropriate that the next step would be to avenge their loss from 1996.

The Jackrabbits' dream has come true. However, Northwest isn't looking past the North Central Conference team that finished 6-4.

"We are going to have a real challenge," head coach Mel Tjeerdma said. "The thing that scares me the most is the fact that they play so well at the



2003 Kickoff  
#4  
Northwest Bearcats (0-0)  
at  
SDSU Jackrabbits (0-0)

Where: Coughlin-Alumni Stadium in Brookings, S.D.  
Kickoff: 7 p.m.  
Surface: Grass  
Radio: KXCV (90.5 FM), KRNV (88.9 FM), KNIM (1580 AM, 97.1 FM), KLAN (99.5 FM), KCLX (1140 AM), www.northwestbearcats.com

John Edmonds, senior pre-season All-American. "I like playing the good teams though. (Playing tough opponents) gets you in the game focus you need to have. It also helps you realize your potential because if we can go out and handle South Dakota State, it shows you where you can go from there."

On paper, the Jackrabbits look nearly identical to the Bearcats. Just as the Bearcats are in the middle of a quarterback (please see 'Jackrabbits' page 3B)



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR  
Redshirt freshman running back Zach Sherman is chased down by a couple of Bearcat defenders at a recent scrimmage. After a month's worth of practice, the Bearcats will hit the field Saturday night in Brookings, S.D. The last time the two teams met was in 1996 when Northwest won 23-6.

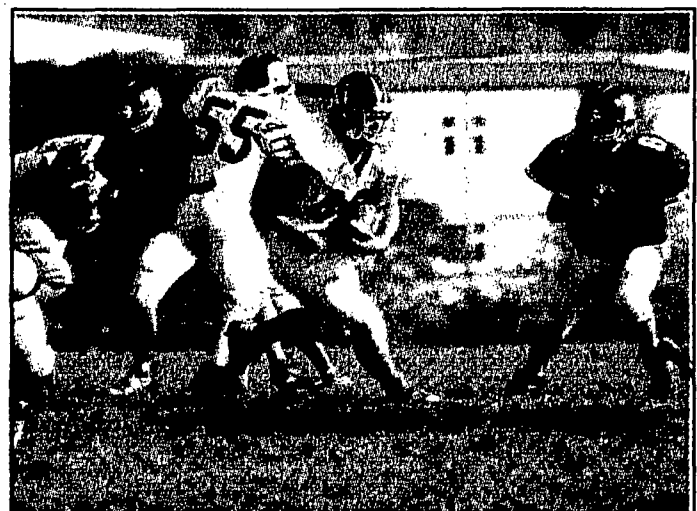


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Senior fullback Brant Gregg finds the hole during practice drills Wednesday. The 'Hounds are putting the final pieces together before Friday's home game.

## Rams come into Pound with new strategy, coach

### 'Hounds start season tomorrow at 7 p.m.

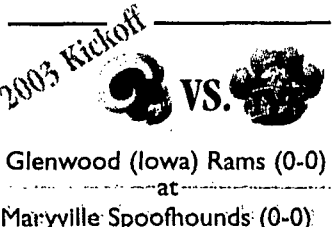
By CLARK GRELL  
DESIGN EDITOR

Maryville's 43-0 win at Glenwood (Iowa) last year does not mean anything this season to the coaching staff and players.

Glenwood brings in a new head coach, Brian Alberts, and likely a different game plan into the 'Hound Pound this Friday night when the high school football season gets underway.

"We can only guess what they are going to do," head coach John Pelzer said. "We're basing our game plan on what (Alberts) had done at Marshalltown (Iowa)."

What the 'Hounds might expect to see is an option attack with a little bit of passing, Pelzer



2003 Kickoff  
Glenwood (Iowa) Rams (0-0)  
at  
Maryville Spoofhounds (0-0)

Where: Hound Pound  
Kickoff: 7 p.m.  
Bottom line: Fans will get a look at a 'Hound defense with many new faces on it but a familiar offense with running backs Bryce Buholt and Brant Gregg leading the way.

said. The Rams will possibly feature two quarterbacks, senior Steve Lynes, who was the starter last season and junior Austin Maring, who has emerged to become a possible threat at quarterback.

"We expect to see a 50 or 40 front on defense, and (Alberts) (please see 'Hounds' page 3B)

## Spikers start season 2-2 at Quincy tourney

### Northwest wins first two but drop two in Illinois

By CLARK GRELL  
DESIGN EDITOR

The Northwest volleyball team was able to pick up two wins at the Quincy (Ill.) tournament last weekend and will take part in two other tournaments this weekend.

The Bearcats finished the tournament 2-2 and were one set away from going 3-1.

"The two games that we won, I didn't think we played as well, and the two games we lost, we finally found a rhythm and found out what we need to do for the season," head coach Lori DeJongh-Slight said. "It's going to help us improve now that we have an idea and see our strategy in action."

The Bearcats started the tournament defeating Lake Superior State, 30-22, 30-23, 25-30, 30-23, and then defeated Saginaw Valley State, 21-30, 30-23, 30-25, 30-23 in the evening match.

The Bearcats dropped a pair of games Saturday falling to Missouri-St. Louis, 24-30, 30-28, 30-26, 25-30, 5-15 and then Quincy in straight sets, 32-34, 17-30, 20-30.

"We had too many errors this weekend," Slight said. "We had 68 serving errors compared to our opponents who averaged 33. If we even cut off 20 more service errors, all the sudden the two games we lost, we would have won."

The Bearcats finished the tournament with 113 errors compared to 96 by their opponents.

Freshman outside hitter (please see 'Volleyball' page 3B)

# Coaxing on the 'Cats

## Tailgating anyone?

A long road trip to Brookings, S.D.—or any game for that matter—should not be without a little traditional pregame ritual. Those unfamiliar with tailgating can take these tips into account.

### Plan your menu

Good menu items include hot dogs, hamburgers and bratwursts, or go all out with marinated pork chops or marinated boneless barbecue chicken breasts. Keep the menu simple, and pack a lot of it in disposable containers.

### Arrive in the stadium parking lot early

Three to four hours before kickoff is a good time to arrive. This allows tailgaters to get to know their fellow tailgaters and should allow for a good parking space. Park near a grassy area to allow for some space.

### Show your team colors

Fly your school's flag and make sure to sport the team's colors. Let the opposing team's fans know who are the best fans.

### Allow time for food to be ready

Food should be ready an hour to an hour and a half before game time. This allows time to eat and clean up.

### What's the hurry?

Head back to your tailgating camp for an hour or two after the game and let traffic thin out.

### Clean area

This allows for a clean area for the next group of tailgaters that will go through the following weekend.

## Bearcat football brings out best in students

By COLE YOUNG  
SPORTS EDITOR

At Northwest, finding dedicated fans is no problem. The true problem lies in finding what makes a dedicated fan. There is no exact mold for the ultimate fan, but there are several attributes that are important in being a good fan.

Many people come out every week in their green and white, but there is more that goes into some fans' game day preparations than putting on their Bearcat sweatshirt and heading out the door.

Several factors determine a person's state on the spectrum between fan and fanatic.

### Knowledge

Ask anyone who has ever touched a football before what the most annoying thing can be at a football game, and their response will be fans who have no clue what is going on at a game.

Nothing can cause a fan to lose their credibility faster (please see 'New' page 3B)

Bearcat football fan Grant Venable may be one of the rowdiest fans at several Northwest football games.

## 2003 Bearcat football season arrives not a moment too soon

### Out of Bounds

COLE YOUNG  
SPORTS EDITOR



There is something special about this time of the year. Hopefully gone are the days of 95-degree weather and the beating sun. Now is the time that the true football fan dreams of.

For the true football fan, if the weather last weekend could not get you excited, I don't know what will. The rain, the cooler weather, football games on television—I was relieved that the fall has finally arrived.

Now that autumn-like weather is here, it's time for the season to begin. Even though the season kicks off in South Dakota, chances are thousands of loyal Bearcat fans will make the trek up

### Interstate 29.

When I make that road trip to South Dakota, I'm sure memories of some of the previous road trips for football games will come rushing back to my memory.

Though I am only a sophomore, I was able to make three trips on the road last year to watch the Bearcats.

Maybe the trip that I remember the most was going to watch Northwest play Truman State University in Kirksville. It wasn't so much the trip to Kirksville I remember but how horrible of a football atmosphere that town has, sort of like St. Joe.

Finding a seat at the game was a little

different than what I was used to. At Northwest, the home crowd tends to show up as many as two hours early just to be able to get a good seat. Not so much the case at this game. My group walked in about 20 minutes before kickoff and had our choice of seats, in the home section, that is.

Truman was 5-2 at that point and was facing the undefeated Bearcats for what could have been a key game in the conference. Bearcat fans realized this. Truman fans didn't.

It was a far cry from the atmosphere I was used to at Rickenbrode, where, if you (please see 'Editor' page 3B)

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### Maryville softball

The 'Hounds continue to march through their schedule. The team is hoping to capture a third straight MEC conference title. To see how the team did in the Cameron tournament last weekend, turn to page 4B.



### Maryville volleyball

A new season began Tuesday, and a new coach has been added to the mix. Turn to page 4B to find out how new coach Heather Stoecklein and the team fared against Clarinda, Iowa.



### Northwest soccer

See how coach Tracy Cross did in her first weekend as the Bearcat's head coach on page 3B. Also look for a breakdown of two games the team played in South Dakota last weekend.



Sept. 6

At South Dakota State  
Coughlin-Alumni Sta-  
dium, 7 p.m.



Sept. 13

Minn.-St. Mankota  
Rickenbrode Stadium,  
1 p.m.



Sept. 20

Central Mo. State  
Rickenbrode Stadium,  
1 p.m.



Sept. 27

At Missouri-Rolla  
Allgood-Bailey Stadium,  
6:30 p.m.



Oct. 4

Washburn  
Rickenbrode Stadium, 1  
p.m.



Oct. 11

At Emporia State  
Welch Stadium, 2 p.m.



Oct. 18

Missouri Southern  
Rickenbrode Stadium, 1  
p.m.



Oct. 25

At Missouri Western  
Spratt Stadium, 1  
p.m.



Nov. 1

Truman State  
Rickenbrode Stadium,  
1 p.m.



Nov. 8

Southwest Baptist  
Rickenbrode Stadium,  
1 p.m.



Nov. 15

vs. Pittsburg State  
Fall Classic at  
Arrowhead, 2 p.m.

## Despite battle for starting spot, Mandl and Lamberson firmly believe in each other

By CLARK GRELL  
DESIGN EDITOR

Sophomore Josh Lamberson did a little of everything last season as a redshirt freshman.

He returned kickoffs, was a placekick holder and was the third-string quarterback. A year later, his top task on the Northwest football team is to help fellow quarterback T.J. Mandl drive the Bearcats to another MIAA championship, the playoffs and a possible third national championship.

Lamberson said he never knew where he'd be positioned after last season.

"You never can tell with our offense," Lamberson said with a laugh. "You've just got to keep an open mind and work hard in the off-season and

kind of go with the flow."

That off-season workout has left Lamberson in a position to be the man to lead the Bearcats after the departure of former Bearcat quarterback John McMenamin.

But throw in Mandl.

He, too, will be this year's quarterback after head coach Mel Tjeerdsmas announced that both players will share time at the quarterback position.

The system has never been used in the Tjeerdsmas/Northwest era. However, the players are confident with the system, Lamberson said.

"You can't worry about that," he said. "You've got to worry about the next snap and what your job is for that play."

While both Lamberson and Mandl want to be the man to help the team win a second consecutive MIAA championship, both are anxious to get to work with each other.

"T.J. and I can complement each other pretty well," Lamberson said. "We know the situation we are going into, and we know in any different situation, he can be called upon or I can be called upon to do some different things."

Lamberson said, despite the change in how the offense is run, the mission remains the same.

"Our goal every year is to win the conference, go to the playoffs and make a run for the national championship," he said. "It's the same this year. Last year is in the past, and we've got to focus on this year, and we are

ready to go."

Nobody may be more ready to go than Mandl, who has not been suited up in uniform since November of 2001. Just days before the opening game last year against University of Nebraska-Omaha, Mandl suffered a season-ending knee injury and was forced to watch from the sidelines in street clothes as the Bearcats captured another MIAA title.

"I'm ready to roll," Mandl said. "It was tough having to sit out last year, but, at the same time, I think I gained a lot from it, too. I was able to sit back and see different things, and I learned a lot. It opened my mind a little bit. I appreciate things a lot more and appreciate being out there every day and practicing."

In 2001, Mandl started four games after McMenamin went down with an elbow injury. He led the Bearcats to four wins before McMenamin came back, and Mandl ended the season throwing for 857 yards and six touchdowns. He completed nearly 57 percent of his passes.

Mandl said there is not a lot of pressure having to follow McMenamin's performance from a season ago and added he does not consider himself a pocket passer like McMenamin.

"In a sense, I think we are different players," Mandl said. "He was more of a pocket passer, and I think Josh and I can do different things as far as run and stuff like that."

It may be just what the Bearcats need after finishing last season ranked

last in the MIAA in rushing.

Besides the addition of Shon Wells and Mike Fiesch in the backfield, defenses now must take into consideration the running ability of Mandl and Lamberson.

And it's not up to just one of them. Lamberson and Mandl will be expected to carry on a position that produced former Bearcats Chris Greisen, Travis Miles and McMenamin.

Each wants to be the man, but both Lamberson and Mandl are looking forward to helping each other out.

"Anybody that plays the quarterback position wants to be that guy," Mandl said. "They want to have everyone to lead them down the field. I think Josh and I can do a very good job of that."

## Honey leads defense, family

By BILL KNUST  
DESIGN EDITOR

Fifth year senior Josh Honey has a wife and kid in his home town of Webb City, Mo.

That's right. Webb City, not Maryville. He only gets to see his wife and son on the weekends during the school year after he is done battling 300-pound linemen all day.

"It was tougher at first," Honey said of not being able to see his family. "But I realize I have to get this done right now so I can be with them after I graduate in December."

One of the toughest parts is only getting to see his son on the weekends.

"Some dads only get to see their kids on the weekends, too, but I don't want to be one of those dads," Honey said. "That's why I am working so hard."

Looking at Honey, one would think he spent the summer on the Atkins Diet after he shed 15 pounds.

"I didn't do it on purpose," Honey said. "I was just working out. I feel quicker though, and I have put five (pounds) back on since practice began."

Honey is one of the cogs on the most inexperienced unit on the defense. The 'Cats lost tackles Seth Giddings and Justin Bowser to graduation and will fill their spots with senior Mike Nanninga, a converted linebacker, and redshirt freshman Kyle Kaiser.

Although they may be inexperienced, Honey does not like the label.

"I guess (you could call us inexperienced), but we always work hard," Honey said. "We know we have to step up, and I believe we can. We know it starts with us."

Just days away from the season opener against South Dakota State University, Honey and the defense are ready to knock heads with someone different.

"It'll be nice to hit another team," Honey said. "I am tired of banging on the same guys every day."

The Jackrabbits were mainly a passing team last season, but they will replace their running back and quarterback this season.

"We really don't know what to expect Saturday, but if they stick with their offense, we will see about 70 percent pass and 30 percent run," Honey said.

With that ratio, Honey knows the defensive line will be called on to put pressure on the Jacks' quarterback to help the linebackers and cornerbacks.

"We definitely want to get to their quarterback because that can set the tone for the rest of the day," Honey said.

And the 'Cats' defense is eager to set the tone and rid themselves of the lingering bad taste in their mouths from last season's defeat from Northern Colorado to end the year.

"We (as a defense) feel we have a lot to prove," Honey said.



FILE PHOTO

Senior Josh Honey sacks Truman quarterback Dusty Burk last season during the Hickory Stick game. Honey led the team last season with five sacks while garnering Honorable Mention All-MIAA honors. Honey looks to lead the defense in the season opener on Saturday night in Brookings, S.D.

### TALE OF THE TAPE



30.5	Scoring Offense	26.7
14.6	Scoring Defense	22.4
380.5	Total Offense	368.3
289.1	Total Defense	369.2
96.2	Rushing Offense	102
98.7	Rushing Defense	149.7
284.3	Passing Offense	266.3
190.4	Passing Defense	219.5
30:22	Time of Possession	29:42
14/26	Field Goals	13/25
23.6	Kick Ret. Avg.	23.7
12.9	Punt Ret. Avg.	10

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Last Week  
Lincoln (Mo.) 13  
CMSU 37  
Lee Thompson- 3 Touchdowns

MSSC 24  
Bacone 27  
MSSC- 5 turnovers

MWSC- 3  
Winona St. 46  
MWSC- Dane Brodie 33 yd. FG

This Week  
Colorado Mines @ UMR 1 p.m.  
SBU @ Kentucky Wesleyan 1:30 p.m.  
Winona St. @ Truman 1:30 p.m.  
MoWest @ Benedictine 2 p.m.  
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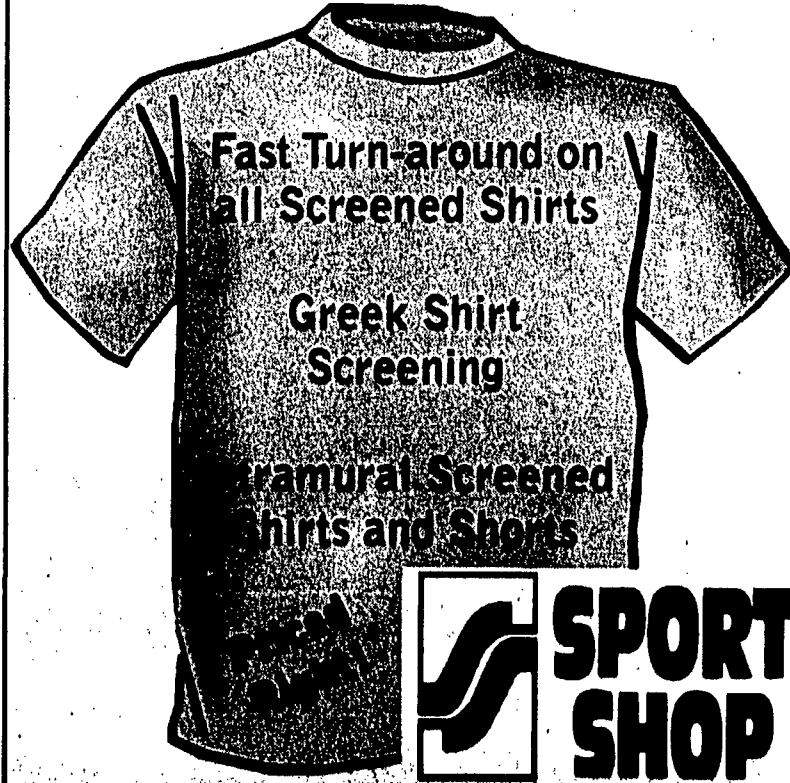


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## Jackrabbits, Bearcats in same position

race, so are the Jackrabbits.

Junior Brad Nelson and redshirt freshman Andy Kardoes both are vying for the job. Neither of the quarterbacks has any game experience as the signal caller. Even with a new quarterback, Bearcat fans can expect to see an aerial attack from SDSU.

Last season, they averaged 266 yards through the air, which ranked them 17th in the nation. The top man on the receiving end for the Jackrabbits was sophomore Josh Davis.

Even though the Bearcats don't know exactly what to expect from the Jackrabbits, facing a team with the same type of offense gives the Bearcats a chance to face the passing-oriented offense every day in practice.

"It helps us," Tjeerdsma said. "We expect them to throw the football. It's going to give us something we were used to seeing in practice."

The Bearcats' top receiver junior, Jamaica Rector, is also back after a season in which he had 1,242 yards receiving.

Even with the high-powered passing attack of South Dakota, the Bearcats feel

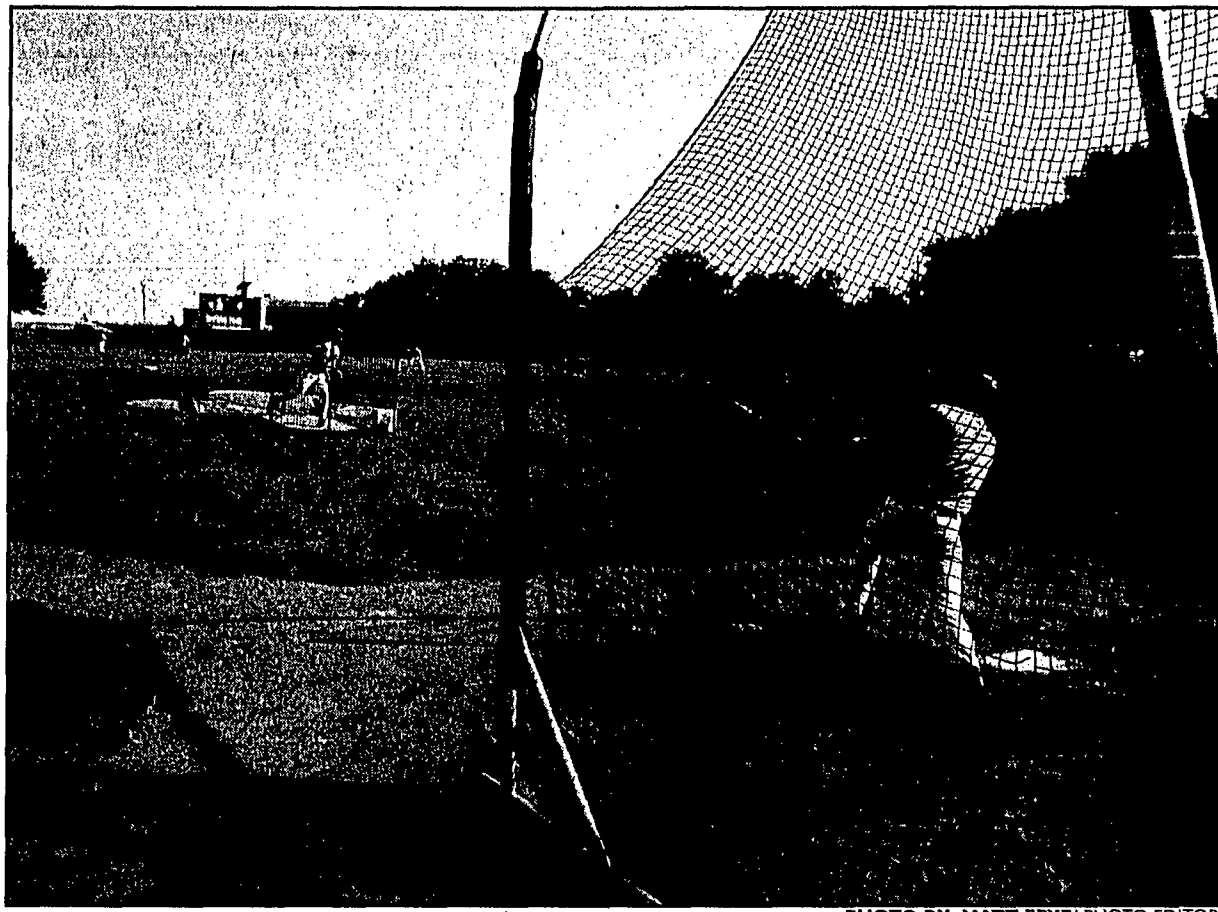
confident in their defense.

The Bearcats allowed nearly 50 yards less (98.7) rushing per game than the Jackrabbits did last season (149.7). With the Bearcats' added firepower in the backfield thanks to the addition of Shon Wells and Mike Fiesch, Northwest seems to have a distinct advantage.

"Offensively, I'm anxious to see us play," Tjeerdsma said. "We have some outstanding skill people. If our offensive line comes together like we think they are right now, we could be really explosive running the ball."

Without hitting anyone outside of their teammates for more than four weeks in training camp, the Bearcats will get a chance to face off against someone different when they open up the season at 7 p.m. Saturday night in Brookings, S.D.

"We are tired of hitting each other," Edmonds said. "It's hard going against the same guys every day. We are all edging to go. Hearing all the scores from around the conference makes us want to go out there so much more."



Members of the Northwest baseball team were out in force yesterday taking part in fall drills. The Bearcats finished last season with a record of 36-17, losing to Rockhurst in the regional tournament. Northwest finished the season in second place in the MIAA. The Bearcats will participate in fall drills until October.

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## Volleyball starts season with split

MacKenzie Heston earned a spot on the all-tournament team. She had 44 attacks, 17 digs and 4 blocks in the team's win over Lake Superior.

The Bearcats used several different rotations throughout the tournament, trying to find their comfort zone, Slight said.

"We've got to learn to find a balance," Slight said. "That's our biggest thing that we are still working on. If we play good teams, we've got to play at their level, and when we don't play great teams, we've still got to play at our level."

The team heads to Brookings, S.D., for a tournament on Friday and Saturday and a tournament in Marshall,

Minn., on Sunday.

"We could come home 0-4 this weekend, but I think the competition we are going to see is going to help us do better in the conference," Slight said. "Our goal is, by November, we are in the top half of the conference."

Slight said it is important the team is able to size up with their opponents this weekend—many of them in the Division II Top 25 poll.

"We've got to match up with them," Slight said. "We might have to come out of our comfort zone and figure out how we are going to play them."

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## Editor recalls the smells of Arrowhead

sit down, fans come up to you and make sure you are all right.

Besides road trips and the games, the thing most football fans love most about football season is the tailgating.

The highlight of my tailgating life came last year as I traveled to the Clash of the Champions at Arrowhead Stadium, the capital of tailgating. There, I witnessed the two ends of the tailgating spectrum. On one side you had the

college students who were feasting on Wal-Mart hot dogs and beer.

The alumni were the opposite. I remember seeing one couple feasting on smoked duck at the game. Even though they too once enjoyed pork-byproduct, they chose a delicacy for the event.

With the start of the season less than 72 hours away, I, along with tons of other Bearcat fans, am ready to get done speculating and get the season underway.

## Soccer squad starts season with split

By ANDREW MADDEN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After weeks of preparation, the Northwest soccer team traveled to South Dakota to kick off the 2003 season with contests against Augustana College and Northern State University.

The 'Cats split the games, earning a 3-2 win over Augustana but falling 2-1 to Northern State.

The Bearcats are led this season by new head coach Tracy Cross, an assistant coach at the University of Toledo for the past two seasons. She is a graduate of Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa.

The Bearcats began the weekend in a match against Augustana Friday. The score was tied at the half, and Cross said her halftime talk was short and sweet.

"I just told them no more goals," Cross said. "We needed to tighten our defense and work as a unit."

The 'Cats did exactly that, holding the Vikings scoreless in

the second half. The winning goal was scored in the 56th minute by freshman Lindsey Schubert for her second goal of the match. Senior Jill Anderson supplied the other goal. Cross had nothing but compliments for her senior captain.

"Jill has a great work ethic," Cross commented. "She also has the athletic ability and discipline it takes to play defense."

The 'Cats second game of the weekend was Saturday against the Northern State Wolves. The Bearcats were looking for revenge after being dominated by the Wolves last year at home. While this game wound up being a loss for the Bearcats, Cross saw several positives.

"The pace of the (Northern) game was the fastest I've seen in the last couple years of college soccer," Cross said. "You could tell a difference in the second game on our side. We played better in the second game, though the score

didn't show it. We played more as a unit."

Northwest scored in the 53rd minute on the strength of junior Rory Okey's first goal of the season. Northern took advantage of the Cats' relaxed effort after going up 1-0, scoring two goals in a stretch of thirty-one seconds.

"We let down our guard after we scored," Cross said. "You can't let down after a goal. That is a crucial time in soccer."

After the weekend, the 'Cats are 1-1 on the season with a nine-day layoff before hosting Washburn in the first home and conference match of the season. Cross is optimistic about the season though it is still young.

"We still have to tidy up defensively from the front line back and how we defend as a team," Cross said. "We also need to work on effective possession of the ball to allow us better goal opportunities."

## Harriers gear up for first meet

By AARON BAILEY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As cross country gets underway with the Bearcat Distance Classic on Sept. 6, women's coach Vicki Wooton will be looking to some new faces to have a strong season.

"We have some excellent newcomers, some that could be top four runners," Wooton said. "Our weakness is our lack of upperclassmen. We're missing that leadership; we're still waiting for someone to step up."

Freshmen Megan Hamilton and Heather Searls will be expected to lead the Bearcats, especially in light of a recent rash of injuries to the team.

Ashley Grosse, a standout junior who missed last season due to a stress fracture, will be out at least three weeks with a broken wrist.

Joining the injured list is senior Betsy Lee, who had surgery this week and is expected to be out for about a month.

"Basically, we need to stay healthy and improve each week to get ready for the conference championship," Wooton said. "We need to be in the best shape possible to be ready to compete both mentally and physically."

One important element to staying healthy in cross country is to maintain a healthy diet. The team meets with Molly Driftmeyer, a former Bearcat volleyball player and now working with the University Health Center, to work with the athletes, at their option, to develop a nutritional diet.

Also, the recent heat wave has forced the team to make adjustments by holding practice in the morning and early evening, as well in the pool. "You just have to realize that everyone else has to deal with this heat," Wooton said.

With the women's team being ranked seventh in the MIAA Pre-Season Cross Country Poll, Wooton has high expectations for this team.

"We need three people to finish in the top 10 at conference for a shot at the championship," Wooton said. Referring to the championship 1997 and '98 teams, she added: "We have some excellent young runners that can fill those shoes."

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## 'Hounds ready for competition outside of their own team

is kind of a smash-mouth, run-the-ball-if-you-can type of coach," Pelzer said. "He tends to feature his best athletes."

The 'Hounds seem to have the advantage, having the offensive firepower and the home crowd behind them. However, the 'Hounds are expecting a Glenwood team better than their 3-6 mark last season.

"I fully expect them to be a better team than last year," Pelzer said. "How good and what they are going to do, we really don't know for sure."

Junior Evan Wilmes said he expects to see a better Glenwood team.

"You've got to go in the game thinking there is a chance they can take the game," Wilmes said. "You

have to be ready for them, and that's what we are preparing to do. We're not taking them lightly."

Wilmes is one of four starters returning from last year's defensive unit that lost several seniors. Wilmes, who is the team's leading returning tackler, said the defense is confident they can be as successful as last season when they shut out Glenwood.

"We lost a bunch of seniors last year, but I trust the players we have playing now," he said. "I'm sure they are going to come through."

As a team, the 'Hounds are in the process of getting everybody in the right position and preparing for another season. Junior Myles Burnsides, who played safety last season, has been moved to inside linebacker. Pelzer said special

teams are also being worked on this week.

"We're just fine-tuning things right now," Pelzer said. "We have in what we want to do offensively, defensively and on special teams. We just need to smooth out the rough spots. Offensively, we are light years ahead of where we were the last two years."

Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. and after a fall camp that began in late July, players, including Wilmes, are ready to hit someone not in 'Hound green and yellow.

"That's something I've been waiting for, for a long time," he said.

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## New attractions at Northwest improve fans enjoyment

than when they question a coach on their decision-making when they obviously have no clue what they are talking about.

The apparel. With an influx of new Bearcat apparel coming on to the market, it's easier than ever for fans to look their best in the Bearcat green.

There are four places in Maryville alone that allow fans to purchase everything from Northwest hats to shirts to bumper stickers.

But apparel isn't just limited to what is on the racks. One of the favorite things around campus are shirts custom-made by various groups and organizations.

"We make them for any group that wants to order them," said Jim Goecken, owner of the Student Body.

The types of shirts made tend to be not so much pro-Northwest

as they are anti-other MIAA schools.

"My favorite one was 'What is the difference between a National Champion and a wannabe? 43 miles.' Then it said something about having to explain it (Missouri) Western fans," Goecken said.

Dedication. Even with Northwest starting on the road nearly five hours away, fans will hit the road in full force.

Last season, when the Bearcats played conference rival Missouri Western, Northwest outnumbered Griffon fans by a vast margin.

Close games like those at Western aren't the only ones for which Northwest fans show up for. As the 'Cats traveled to Truman State last season, the scene was much like that in St. Joe. With the updates to Rickenbrode,

the fans at Northwest have an opportunity to showcase their spirit in a new environment.


"The atmosphere we try to create is comparable to what fans would find at the Division I level," said Chris Andrews, assistant athletic director for External Affairs. "The only difference you will find is that it's on a smaller scale. We are going to have promotions and get the fans worked into the game."

Another bonus for fans this year is the Campus Dining Fan of the Game.

"We are going to be looking for fans that are enjoying the game and are also enthusiastic," Andrews said. "We want to find people that are enthusiastic and support both teams."

Even though there is no exact way to determine what the ultimate fan is, all three of the qualities listed help constitute what one should be.

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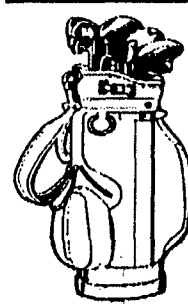
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Senior Hallie Blackney connects with a pitch Tuesday in the conference opener against Cameron. The 'Hounds finished second over the weekend in the Cameron tournament, picking up wins over Richmond and Lathrop but falling to Smithville in the title game.

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## Offense key in 'Hounds quest for MEC three-peat

By DAN ZECK  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville High School softball team is looking to add another successful season to a program that is becoming a perennial state contender.

The 'Hounds are gunning for their third straight Midland Empire Conference title, as well as a shot to better their early exit from last season's districts. The district loss was especially disappointing for 'Hound's coach Kathy Blackney, who said the team was one of her strongest.

Blackney hopes her team can carry over the success at the plate from last season, which recorded the best batting average of any team she has coached. Blackney said that with improvements on defense, this team is capable of matching the success of past teams.

"They want to go out and do something great," Blackney said.

Success won't be a given after losing seniors from last year's team, especially Talina Canon, the 'Hounds' all-state pitcher.

Blackney said to watch out for pitchers Elizabeth Baker and Sarah Scott to fill the space left by Canon. Another player to watch is centerfielder Hillary Reynolds, an offensive and defensive threat, as well as returning second team all-state catcher Hallie Blackney.

Blackney said her biggest challenge this season will be managing a squad of 24 players, and integrating the 12 freshman on the squad.

"You've got to get just the right blend," said Blackney.

Success for this team means a three-peat as MEC conference champions, strong district play and com-

peting deep in the state tournament.

"If we keep working really hard and improve our weaknesses, the team should improve enough to achieve these goals," Blackney said.

### Cameron Tournament

	R	H	E
Maryville	7	7	0
Richmond	0	2	5

	R	H	E
Maryville	5	8	2
Lathrop	2	1	0

### Championship

	R	H	E
Maryville	1	4	3
Smithville	3	3	1

Pitching: Elizabeth Baker 1-0 5 inn. 1 hit 7 ks Sarah Scott 1-1 13 inn. 14 ks 5 hits

## Block sparks comeback for 'Hounds

By ANDY TIMKO  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville High School Spoofhounds volleyball team started the 2003 season with a new coach, a new scoring style and a big win over rival Clarinda (Iowa).

"It doesn't get any better than that," head coach Heather Stoecklein said. "It was a good win. It came right down to the end, and we just pushed through and got the victory."

Stoecklein, who is a Northwest graduate, coached at Nodaway Holt for four years and transferred to Maryville this year to coach and teach biology.

A new coach also meant the players were going to have to react to a different style of coaching and play.

"I like (Stoecklein); she's really good," senior Cindy Austin said. "She's really about team unity. We're more involved with the team this year, and that helps out a lot."

While adjusting to Stoecklein's

style, the 'Hounds also had to continue their rigorous training to get in shape for the season.

"We had a lot of hard practices, especially during two-a-days," Austin said. "We really worked hard, and we set goals for the season."

Along with having a new coach, the 'Hounds are also using a new rally-style scoring system, like their collegiate counterparts, which awards a point to either team every serve. This system also increases the number of points from 15 to 25 with the winner still having to win by two points.

Under the coaching of Stoecklein, the 'Hounds defeated the Cardinals in three games with come-from-behind victories (25-21, 26-24) in the first and third games.

"I think we have a good, strong team that works as a unit," Stoecklein said. "There's not a lot of selfish people on our team—not any selfish people—and I think that was apparent in the win."

The 'Hounds trailed in all three games, but sophomore Kim Wolfer had a monster block in the first game, triggering a win. The entire team united in the third game to come back from a seven-point deficit to beat the Cardinals.

"I'm really just proud of the girls," Stoecklein said. "They played hard, they played tough. It was a hard fought match, and when it ended, we came out on top."

### Match-By-Match

	Game 1
Clarinda	25
Maryville	21

	Game 2
Clarinda	25
Maryville	20

	Game 3
Clarinda	26
Maryville	24

## Midfield is strength for squad

By JEROME BOETTCHER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Though the Maryville Spoofhounds soccer team is coming off a season in which they lost seven seniors, the team now has nine seniors on the team, six of which are returning.

The 'Hounds also look to defend the Midland Empire Conference Championship, which they have won the past two years.

"Smithville, Platte County and Lafayette will give us a run for it," head coach Stuart Collins said.

Collins will be starting his third year as the 'Hounds' coach. He is assisted by the girls' soccer coach Bayo Oludaja for the first time. This is only the school's fifth year with a soccer team, and they are looking to get as far as they ever have.

Collins said the team has every skill and desire to get past the district championship and make it to the state finals. The team is looking to

end their bad luck in the title game of districts and win one this year after finishing second two years in a row.

"We are tired of finishing second," Collins said. "They can go as far as they want to go."

The team's captains are seniors Keaton Guess, Travis Smith and junior Nic Zweifel. Other key returning players include senior Wes Wooten, juniors Brian Donnelly and Chris Laber and sophomore Clay Ferguson. Brian Donnelly is the team's goalkeeper. Collins is looking to his sophomores and juniors to step up, too.

"The (seniors) are good leaders (and) we will need our sophomores and juniors to give us good minutes on the field," he added.

Despite the loss of seven seniors, Collins seemed optimistic about the season.

"They are working hard, and (they are) in better shape physically

than last year," Collins said.

Collins said he hadn't seen any weaknesses, noting any inexperience will be gone as soon as they start playing. He also said that all the players had played in the offseason and were working hard.

He said the team has an advantage through the middle and will be very competitive in that area.

"If they're going to do anything, they're going to have to bring it around the outside," he commented.

The team is working on something everyday, especially touch passes and communicating.

"They're ready to play, and I think we're going to be okay," Collins said.

The team started the season against O'Hara at the Liberty Tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 2. They will face Raytown South in their second match. The finals will be played on Friday and Saturday.

## Nebraska's Williams comes into his own

By Michael Bruntz  
Daily Nebraskan (U. Nebraska)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — If Oklahoma State offensive linemen didn't know who Demorrio Williams was before Saturday's game, rest assured they do now.

"He was like a safety as a line-backer," OSU guard Sam Mayes said after Saturday's game. "We had him blocked, and he got around us and caused trouble. He was in the backfield all the time."

In Nebraska's 17-7 victory over Oklahoma State, Husker fans were treated to a new Williams. Gone is the linebacker who relied on pure speed and running down ball carriers to make plays.

What remains in its place is a smarter, more deliberate Williams

who — thanks to the new coaching staff — is quickly becoming a student of the game. Of course, the blinding speed still remains.

"I think he's learning the game of football," defensive coordinator Bo Pelini said. "You do see a difference from a few months ago till now. He's maturing as a football player and just like everything else, that's a process."

"They have taught me a lot, and when you have coaches like that, they know the players to put on the field in the right spot," he said. "I feel like those coaches are going to maximize a guy's talent and they're going to get everything out of you plus more."

Demorrio Williams led the team with 92 tackles last year, despite often having to deal with offensive linemen who outweighed him by 100 pounds.

Jimmy Williams said the line-

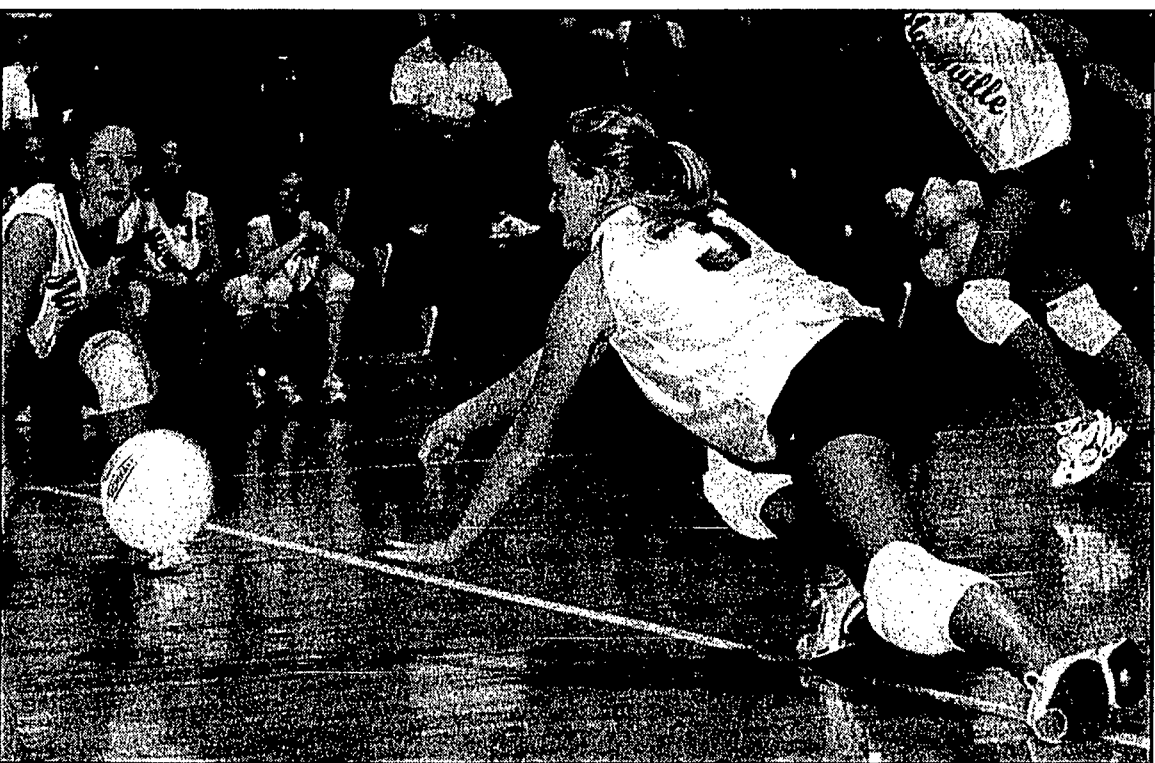
backer is a good fit into what Nebraska is trying to do defensively.

"Demorrio is a very talented athlete, he has the ability to be versatile in our scheme and that allows him to rush off the edge and to blitz," Jimmy Williams said. "He's done a great job within that scheme."

The Beckville, Texas, native gives credit to his coaches for putting him in the right position to make plays. Demorrio Williams rarely will have to engage an offensive lineman, which means he can focus on making plays.

He said better preparation this season and a more patient coaching staff helped correct mistakes and allowed him to close on running backs.

"I think he's learning a lot and understanding where he fits into the scheme," Pelini said. "I believe he's a work in progress, he's still learning a lot and still has a way to go."



Junior Sarah Welch looks on as senior Claire Anderson attempts to dig a spike from a Clarinda player Tuesday night in the 'Hounds home opener. Maryville won the match 25-21, 20-25, 26-24. The squad is 1-0 on the year. The 'Hounds are back in action again tonight in the Fairfax Tournament which runs through the weekend.

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## ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

Who is your favorite Northwest football player and why?



"I have Andy Hampton in a lot of my classes and he seems like a fun and smart guy."

Josh Chamberlain  
Social Science  
Education



"Ryan Waters has been a good friend of mine for a long time and he is always there for me when I need him. At first he comes across as tough, but he is actually a huge teddy bear!"

Susan Henslee  
Undecided



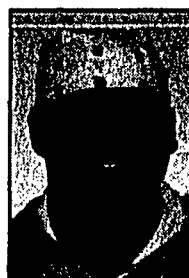
"Joe Holtzclaw. He is good looking and a big hit with the ladies."

Grant Venable  
Super Fan



"My favorite Northwest football player would have to be Mitch Herring because he is friendly, always makes sure people feel welcome and seems like a cool guy!"

Raye Bradford  
Middle School  
Education



"Danny Boyd. He is fun to cuddle with, is 'Shrek-like' on the football field and he not only performs well on the football field, but also in the classroom."

Patrick Alcazare  
Pre-Dentistry



"My boyfriend Mitch Herring may not be the fastest player, but he sure is the cutest."

Sarah O'Dell  
undecided

## FAN PLAN

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest football			South Dakota St. 7 p.m.				
Northwest volleyball			Southwest St. Tourney				
Northwest cross country			Bearcat Distance Classic 10 a.m.				
Northwest soccer							Washburn 3 p.m.
Maryville football		Glenwood 7 p.m.					
Maryville volleyball	Fairfax Tourney					Tarkio 5 p.m.	
Maryville boys' soccer	Liberty Tournament						
Maryville softball	Lafayette 4:30 p.m.	Cameron Tourney				Jefferson 5 p.m.	

■ GAME TO WATCH: The Spoofhound football team sees its first action of the season Friday night against Glenwood. The Hounds are looking to improve on last year's 8-2 record.

■ Home games

## Editor sees no need to continue to cheer on KC

## Hail to the Victor

CLARK GRELL  
DESIGN EDITOR



Labor Day has passed, and that means summer is over and fall is upon us, which means less baseball and more football. I really had nothing good to write about, so I thought I'd touch on all sorts of things.

■ First off, I know there are a lot of Kansas City Royals fans out there, and if you don't know it yet, the Royals are not going to be playing in October. Props to the Royals though for staying in the American League Central race for this long, but the Chicago White Sox made some key moves, and those moves are going to translate into a trip to the playoffs.

Somewhat, the Royals made a run, and I have yet to figure out how.

It was exciting while it lasted, but KC fans need to turn their attention to football.

■ After this last summer, I am convinced San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds may be the greatest player to ever play the game of baseball. He is the reason why the Giants are in position to win the National League West and why the Giants are my pick from the National League to be back in the World Series.

Bonds has around 40 homers so far this season, and unfortunately, he has about 1,300 walks or something like that, 987 of them intentional.

He has a handful of ninth inning game-winning hits this season for the Giants, and he makes contact with about anything that comes close to the plate. Pitchers are afraid of him, and I don't blame them. It's also obvious that he is going to pass Hank Aaron for the all-time record in homers as he is already about to pass his godfather Willie Mays.

■ Locally, the Northwest athletic circuit is about to go into full swing. Fans are expecting big things from the Bearcat football team, but keep an eye on the volleyball team.

Head coach Lori DeJongh-Slight has that team believing they are one of the best teams in the MIAA, and that could be the case with some tal-

ented freshmen already starting.

■ As for the football team, I'm excited about this two-quarterback system that might be used. T.J. Mandl and Josh Lamberson have shown in camp that they both can single-handedly be the only QB leading the team, but I think both are going to complement each other well.

Mandl has been named the starter, but I think we should all expect to see a lot of both No. 7 and No. 10.

■ Finally, my favorite sport—college football—is in full swing. It's too bad Ohio State's Maurice Clarett is not going to play this season... not really. The Buckeyes don't think they need him, but they might regret thinking that by mid-November when they head to the Big House to play Michigan.

On top of that, Nebraska is making a comeback (I'm from Big Red Country, so I have to say that). Also, Missouri is not going to beat them this year, Kansas State is going to win the Big XII and the national championship game is going to feature Kansas State and Southern Cal.

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Florida vs. Miami	UM 24-21	UM 16-14	UF 28-14	UM 34-17	UF 42-40	UM 21-14
Kansas St. vs. McNeese St.	KSU 64-7	KSU 63-24	KSU 42-7	KSU 66-14	KSU 48-21	KSU 35-7
Oklahoma vs. Alabama	OU 35-28	OU 31-12	UA 35-7	AU 21-18	OU 20-10	OU 56-14
Wash. St. vs. Notre Dame	ND 17-10	ND 49-6	WSU 28-20	ND 27-25	ND 35-31	WSU 17-3
Texas vs. Arkansas	UT 42-21	UT 9-0	UT 28-7	UT 41-3	UT 45-17	UT 42-17
Iowa St. vs. Ohio	ISU 31-3	ISU 16-14	ISU 35-7	ISU 36-6	ISU 31-14	ISU 21-14
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Winona St. vs. Truman	WS 34-21	WS 46-3	WS 49-34	WS 44-21	TSU 28-7	TSU 31-14
Maryville vs. Glenwood	MHS 49-17	MHS 54-6	MHS 14-7	MHS 27-12	MHS 35-28	MHS 28-7
Season (Last Week)	12-4 (12-4)	16-0 (16-0)	12-4 (12-4)	11-5 (11-5)	12-4 (12-4)	14-2 (14-2)

## Even if Big Ten goes to instant replay, Louisiana State was first

BY RONNIE MCCLELLAN  
THE REVILLE (LOUISIANA STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La.

After a season full of questionable calls by Big Ten Conference football officials, the league's coaches voted unanimously to experiment with instant replay this season.

The experiment will take place during selected conference games, but it will be a "behind the scenes" operation with no direct challenges to the actual game referees or their calls. Instead, a selected member of the panel will act as a coach and challenge the calls using television replays.

This means the NCAA could see voting on instant replay and implement it as soon as the 2004 season, and it's about time. Most football officials do make the correct call the first time around, but they can't see every angle of the field and make every call. They need the chance to see questionable calls on instant replay just as the viewing audience gets to watch three

or four times.

Instant replay also creates a balance of power between officials and coaches. This might eliminate some of the altercations we see in college football, particularly Joe Paterno chasing down officials after games. A simple challenge and then a review of the play would at least give fans and coaches the satisfaction that the referee made the correct call.

The arguments against instant replay are that it is too expensive and it takes away from the game.

We all know college football is a big time money-maker for universities, especially in Bowl Championship Series conferences. Most of these member schools already have the ability to show instant replay in stadiums.

The money issue doesn't really cut it, and in a game that produces millions of dollars in revenue, every effort should be taken to make sure the correct call is made.

Others who argue that bad calls are a part of the game truly have no grasp for the world we live in. There's nothing more American than football, and

Americans believe in doing their best. If you have the ability to make officiating more accurate, then do it.

Besides, we have seen instant replay work in the NFL and it actually adds another element to the game. It creates suspense and more importantly gets fans involved.

Now, I'd be the first person to say a referee doesn't win or lose most games for a team. However, instant replay ensures that a call doesn't change the momentum of the game.

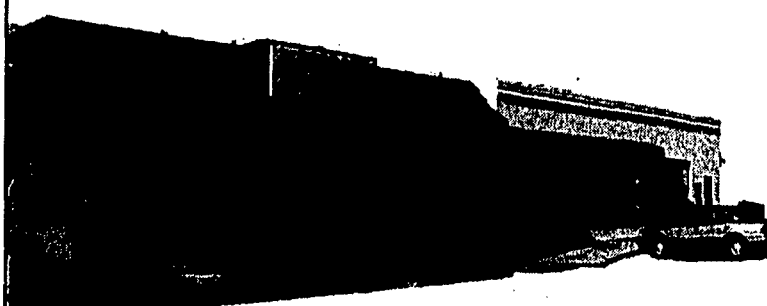
LSU experienced first hand how great instant replay can be against Alabama in 2000. LSU muffed a punt return deep in its own territory and clearly recovered the ball, but the referee awarded the football to Alabama.

After LSU players insisted that the referee look at the replay on the big screen, he overturned the call and the Tigers claimed a 30-28 win, its first over Alabama in Baton Rouge, La., since 1969.

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## Parking woes take toll on Stroller

Here's a riddle from Your Man: what costs \$85 and is virtually useless? Here are a couple hints: it is small, comes in a variety of different colors (depending on where you live) and lives in the lower right hand corner of your windshield. Still clueless? OK, I'll tell you. That's right, I'm talking about the parking permit that we all decided we really need and then end up not being able to use.

At first I was not going to buy one this year. I thought that, since my classes are early, I would just park on the street instead. I soon realized that everyone else had the same idea. So I broke down and bought my expensive little sticker, only to realize yet again that everyone else decided to buy one as well. So, as Your Man sat in a parking lot fighting for a place to park, already late for class, I began to ponder a couple of life's little questions: why do the fine people at the Student Services Desk sell so many more parking permits than we have parking spaces? And why does it seem that Campus Safety only tickets once a day, usually when the lot is only half full?

Seriously, something needs to be done. Have any of you tried going



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to the library? Not a problem, unless you just happened to drive there. Driving down the long parking lot next to Franken and Phillips Halls, I noticed at least 25 open parking spots down at the end of the lot. Now I know this seems a long way to walk, but it would give me a place to park at the library and keep some of you from paying hefty fines for parking illegally. Those tickets can really add up—but I guess the good ole' officers down at Campus Safety need the money for video games or something. I mean, what are they doing all day? We already know they are not enforcing the parking policies of Northwest Missouri State University!

It seems they are also not paying attention to stop signs and speed lim-

its on campus...kind of like the freshmen.

Your Man has almost been hit too many times to count this week by people who do not pay attention to stop signs. They are not just there to decorate the street!

I know that there are many things to distract you as you drive, but perhaps you should watch the road more closely instead of the half-dressed sorority girl or the Bearcat football team as they head back to the locker room. And here is another helpful hint about the rules of the road: the white line around the stop sign *does not* mean that it is optional. Maybe Northwest should invest in some of those blinking stop signs that the City of Maryville put up in the busy intersections around town. They seem to work, and I bet the blinking light on top of it would look great in a Residence Hall room!

So, basically what Your Man is saying is that you should all park legally and pay attention to the road. Walking half a mile to your dorm, er, residence hall may not sound like fun, but it would make my life a lot easier.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

### FROM THE VAULT

## 'Surfer Rosa' continues to define true punk

By SEAN COMER  
BUZZ REVIEWER

This week's selection "from the vault" comes from the Boston post-punk quartet the Pixies. Though the Pixies had previously released several EPs, the band truly arrived with the release of their first full-length album "Surfer Rosa." Fronted by Frank Black and featuring a pre-Tom-Tom-Club Kim Deal on bass, the Pixies had all the makings of a punk powerhouse: beautiful bass lines, moving power chord-driven riffs and the strangely beautiful, anguished howls of Black's vocals. Sadly, dissension in the ranks (particularly between Deal and Black) split the group circa 1991—a mere four years into their career.

However, much like the Sex Pistols, Jimi

Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan, the Pixies made a great impact in the space of a short time. In that short span, they crafted a punk sound that would later influence and earn the respect of bands from Green Day to Radiohead and Mogwai.

On "Surfer Rosa," the Pixies eschewed conventional punk of fast, hard, loose and sloppy in favor of melodic, dark, energetic and deceptively simple. While tracks such as "Tony's Theme" and "Oh My Golly" do display a talent for the adrenaline-fueled, pounding rhythm lines of

punk's early days, "Bone Machine" and "Break My Body" are mid-tempo rockers with a very punk sensibility. In short, they defy what punk can or should sound like, rather than follow the formula that today's

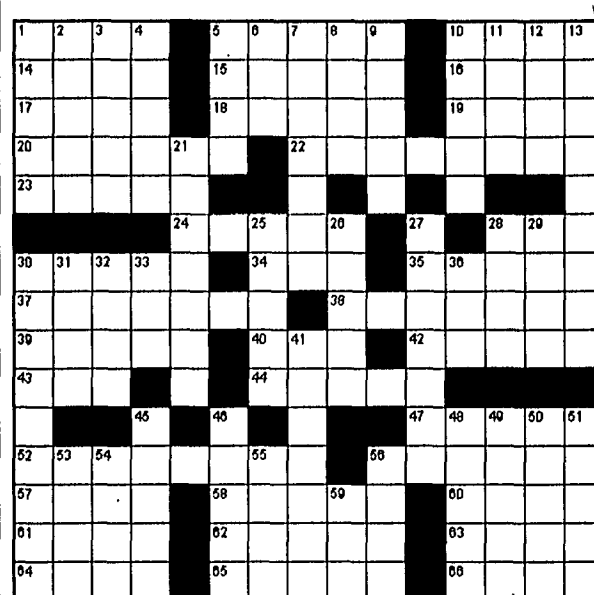
punkers, including Good Charlotte, Blink 182 and New Found Glory, have quickly run into the ground. Granted, "Something Against You" could've just as easily been a Buzzcocks cover, but the stirring, haunting "Where Is My Mind?" shattered the formula for what a punk song can sound like—so much so, in fact, that filmmaker David Fincher ran it over the "Fight Club" credits.

Next to Fugazi and the Clash, the Pixies may have been the most revolutionary punk act to ever explode onto the scene. This is truly an album to throw in the face of anyone who sees punk as a talentless musician's way of breaking into the music scene. The Pixies were irreverent without the irritating goofiness of Blink 182, but they were also superb songwriters and musicians on top of it all. There is no one theme to the album that relates all of the songs to one another, but after months of Good Charlotte experiencing success with a monotonous, sound-alike album, one should be seeing this album as a welcome, diverse break. It's still fresh after all these years.

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### WEEKLY CROSSWORD



#### ACROSS

1. Study hard
5. Coquette
10. Removed air from
14. Fabric
15. Person that loses
16. Exuding moisture
17. Eurasian crow
18. Overhead
19. Had on
20. Sea
22. Russian queens
23. Rendezvous
24. Hippopotamus
28. French vineyard
30. Slender boat
34. Permit
35. State

#### DOWN

1. Small fish
2. Suitor
3. Field of study
4. Small boys
5. Open tart
6. To hit a ball high
7. Any of two or more forms of a chemical element
8. Accelerates an engine
9. Walk
10. Eponymous knifeman
11. Fish-eating bird
12. Jewish scribe
13. Coloring materials
21. Non-believer
25. Common people

26. Aquatic mammal
27. Academic community
28. Semisolid mass
29. Widespread
30. Surfers' yell
31. Palm liquor
32. Columbus vessel
33. Often
36. Southern constellation
41. Weirdest
45. Lodges
46. Benevolent witchcraft
48. The number system with base 8
49. Each day
50. Invest
51. Stalks
53. Sound of a cat
54. Beak
55. Food pouch
56. Roseate
59. Differential operator (Math)

See answers below

### on the edge

#### Rodeo Facts:

■ "Within the Walls Rodeo Day" is when prisoners wear black and white striped outfits and take part in volunteer rodeos within the walls of the prison.

■ Jim Shoulders won a record 16 World Professional Rodeo Cowboy championships, including a never-to-be-exceeded six consecutive all-around titles. Shoulders was the first rodeo star selected for the Madison Square Garden Hall of Fame. He began his career when he was only 14 in 1942.

■ A cowboy in a rodeo bull riding competition must hang on for eight seconds. The same applies to bareback-bronc and saddle-bronc events.

■ From the 1850s to the 1880s, the most common cause of death among cowboys in the American West was being dragged by a horse while caught in the stirrups.

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#### Kansas City

- Sept. 6 Broken Cowboys  
Crown Center
- Sept. 9 Mudvayne  
Beaumont Club

- Sept. 12 Margaret Cho  
Uptown Theatre
- Sept. 17 R.E.M.  
Starlight Theatre

#### Des Moines

- Sept. 6 The Nadas  
Simon Estes Amphitheatre
- Sept. 11 Big Tasty  
House of Bricks

- Sept. 25 Hatebreed  
Beaumont Club
- Sept. 29 The Fever  
Vaudeville Mews

#### Omaha

- Sept. 12 Cake  
Creighton University
- Sept. 19 Grasshopper Takeover  
Howard Street Tavern

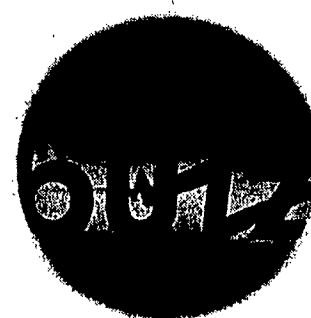
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Meca
- Sept. 25 Brooks & Dunn  
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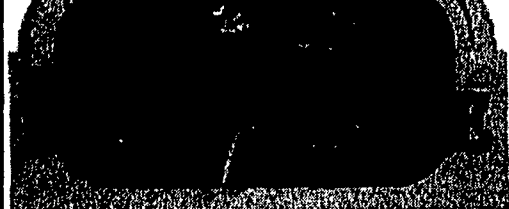
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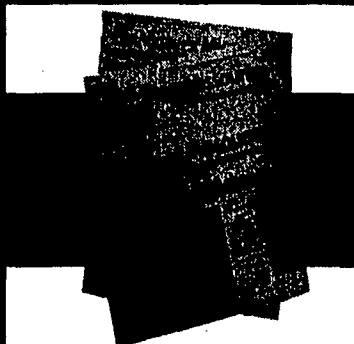
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